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# MEMO FROM THE PUBLISHER

IF, AS HAS BEEN SAID, it's a difference of opinion that makes horse races, the same would seem to hold for pennant races. For evidence, herewith a table of the different opinions of 44 noneditorial members of the staff of SPORTS ILLUSTRATED. It could be that the group is weak on experts, but it's certainly strong on the Yankees and the Braves.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
New York	41	3						
Detroit	2	19	12	7	2	1	1	
Cleveland		11	16	5	9			
Chicago		7	6	17	14			
Boston	1	1	10	10	16	2	1	
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## NATIONAL LEAGUE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Brooklyn	6	18	13	7				
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St. Louis		5	9	24	4	2		
Philadelphia				2	17	17	6	2
New York			1	3	13	10	11	6
Pittsburgh			1	1	9	12	18	3
Chicago						3	9	33

Personally, I've got a hunch it's coming out this way:

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York  
Cleveland  
Detroit  
Chicago  
Boston  
Baltimore  
Kansas City  
Washington

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brooklyn  
Milwaukee  
Cincinnati  
Pittsburgh  
St. Louis  
New York  
Philadelphia  
Chicago

You probably have your own ideas, and right below is a good place to set them down. Before you do, I'm sure you'll enjoy reading some other expert opinion directly bearing on the matter: see SCOUTING REPORTS in this week's issue.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

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## COMING EVENTS

April 12 through April 21

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

#### Boxing

- Chris Vogel vs. Ralph Tiger Jones, middleweights (10 rds.), Syracuse, N.Y., 10 p.m. (NBC)

#### Table Tennis

- National Open Table Tennis Championships, South Bend, Ind. (through April 14)

#### Trek & Padel

- Quaker-Tenn Straps, Randall's Island, N.Y.

#### Water Skiing

- The Only Water Ski Tournament, Cypress Gardens, Fla. (through April 14)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

#### Auto Racing

- NASCAR Late Model Convertible Race, Greenville, S.C.

#### Baseball

- (Exhibition game)
- Brooklyn vs. New York (A), Brooklyn, 1:45 p.m. (CBS)
- Baltimore vs. Cincinnati, Baltimore, 2 p.m. (NBC)

#### Basketball

- (Professional)
- NBA Finals, 7th game (if necessary): Boston vs. St. Louis, Boston

#### Boating

- Eastern Regatta of Rowing Colleges Opening Regatta Club regatta vs. Penn., Philadelphia

#### Horse Racing

- Brooklyn Guy Handicap: \$25,000, 3-yr-olds, 1 1/16 m., Cuddeback Park, Fla.
- Robert C. Evans Memorial Handicap, \$15,000, 3-yr-olds & up, 1 1/16 m., Bay Meadows, Gt. N.Y.
- The Gotham, \$25,000, 3-yr-olds, 1 1/16 m., Jamaica, N.Y.

#### Horse Show

- All-American Show, Las Vegas, Nev. (through April 14)

#### Hunt Racing

- Black Hunter Hunt Race, Troy, N.C.
- Hildeburg Hunt Race Association, Middleburg, Va.
- Mr. Leahy's Hunt Point de Point, Mountain, Md.

#### Lacrosse

- Aches vs. Rutgers, West Point, N.Y.
- Johns Hopkins vs. Princeton, Baltimore
- Yale vs. RPI, New Haven, Conn.

#### Shooting

- Thomas W. Lawrence Memorial and Maxwell Trapshoot, Towers Hotel, N.Y. (through April 14)

#### Skiing

- National Veterans Downhill, Slalom & Combined Championships, Soda Springs, Calif. (through April 14)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14

#### Auto Racing

- NASCAR Grand National Openers, Longhorne, Pa.
- NASCAR Late Model Convertible Race, Wilson, N.C.

#### Baseball

- (Exhibition game)
- New York (A) vs. Brooklyn, New York, 2 p.m. (Mutual)

#### Basketball

- Northern Clubbathans vs. College All-Americans, Denver

#### Boating

- Summerloch Slough Race: outboards (full classic), Lake Summerloch to Kenmore, Wash.

#### Hockey

- Stanley Cup Finals: 6th game: Boston vs. Montreal, Boston (if necessary, April 16, Montreal, April 18, Boston, April 20, Montreal)

### MONDAY, APRIL 15

#### Baseball

- Major League season begins: Washington vs. Baltimore, Washington, 3:25 p.m. (Mutual). (Opening day American League starts April 16)

#### Basketball

- Northern Clubbathans vs. College All-Americans, Omaha

#### Boxing

- Sugar Ray vs. Wilko Stevenson, welterweights (10 rds.), St. Nick's, New York, 10:30 p.m. (Outlook)

#### Tennis

- Pro matches: Fennell vs. Gonzalez, Kalamazoo, Mich.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

#### Baseball

- National League season begins.

#### Basketball

- Northern Clubbathans vs. College All-Americans, Evansville, Ind.

#### Boxing

- Tony Gaudin vs. Ray Cichon, middleweights (10 rds.), Cleveland

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## COMING EVENTS

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Bob Satchell vs. Ben Wex, heavyweight (10 vs. 3), Trinidad, Calif.  
Paul Jorgensen vs. Danny Weldon, featherweights (10 vs. 1), Houston.

**Swimming**  
Selma Meyer's Under Swimming and Diving Championships, Riverside Hills, Calif. (through April 12)

**Tennis**  
Pro matches, Rosewall vs. Gonzalez Midland, Mich.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

**Baseball**  
Nationals-Giants vs. College All-Americans, Milwaukee.

**Racing**  
• Golden Gate vs. Randy Sandy, middleweights (18 vs. 3).  
• Chicago 10 p.m. (ABC).

**Horse Racing**  
Carmelton Handicap, \$20,000, 3-yr-olds & up (Elites & mares), 1 1/4 miles, N.Y.  
Hollywood Handicap, \$10,000, 3-yr-olds & up, 2 f., Gulfstream Park, Fla.

**Leisure**  
Duke vs. B.F., Durham, N.C.  
Ralphs vs. Yaki, New Brunswick, N.J.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

**Baseball**  
Nationals-Giants vs. College All-Americans, Cincinnati.

**Racing**  
Full Moon vs. Edgardo Romero, heavyweights (10 vs. 1), Seattle.

**Golf**  
• Tournament of Champions, \$25,000 San Diego, Nev. (through April 21. First day to be televised, 5 p.m., NBC).

**Horse Racing**  
Ashland Stakes, \$15,000, 3-yr-old fillies, 1 1/4 miles, Md.

**Tennis**  
Pro matches, Rosewall vs. Gonzalez, New Haven, Conn.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

**Auto Racing**  
NASCAR's First International Speed Week, Newry (through April 21)

**Baseball**  
Tempe-Glendale Ray Sinking Race, Tempe

**Racing**  
• Billy Martin vs. Janey Bertram, middleweights (10 vs. 3).  
• Mike Knuck, Fla., 10 p.m. (NBC).

**Leisure**  
Mayfield vs. College, College Park, Md.

**Swimming**  
U.S. Senior Synchroized Swimming Championships, Lansing, Mich. (through April 20).

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

**Auto Racing**  
NASCAR Late Model Short Track Division Race, Sacramento.  
NASCAR Late Model Convertible Race, Hickory, N.C.

**Baseball**  
• Milwaukee vs. Cincinnati, Milwaukee, 2:30 p.m. (NBC).  
• Boston vs. New York, Boston, 2:15 p.m. (CBS).

**Racing**  
California, UCLA and USC in Crew Race, Redline Creek, Los Angeles.

**Baseball**  
College Lay Crew Regatta, Penn vs. Navy, Philadelphia.

**Boat Show**  
Iowa Sports Boat & Vacation Show, Des Moines (through April 22)

**Horse Racing**  
Bay Meadows Futurity, \$60,000, 2-yr-olds, 5 f., Bay Meadows, Calif.

**Leisure**  
Southern Oaks, \$30,000, 3-yr-olds & up, 1 1/4 m., Gulfstream Park, Fla.

**Baseball**  
The Wood Memorial, \$50,000, 3-yr-olds, 1 1/4 m., Jacksonville, N.Y.

**Auto Racing**  
Middleburg Road Race Association, Middleburg, Va.  
Grand National Point to Point, Butler, Ind.

**Leisure**  
Amey vs. Foxglove, West Point, N.Y.  
Mt. Washington vs. Ralphs, Baltimore.

**Racing**  
Rays vs. Duke, Annapolis, Md.

**Baseball**  
Sage Bowl Junior Championships, Rancho, Calif.

**Swimming**  
2nd Annual AAU Age Group Swimming Meet, Knoxville, Tenn.

**Tennis**  
Pro matches, Rosewall vs. Gonzalez, Bermuda (through April 21)

**Track & Field**  
Boston Marathon, Boston.

**Baseball**  
Kansas Royals, Lawrence, Kans.

**Baseball**  
Ohio (series on) Aches, Columbus, Ohio.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21

**Dog Show**  
Seaside County Kennel Club Show, Seaside

**Baseball**  
Malt Grassy Trophy Race, Norde, Calif.

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## HOTBOX

### The Questions

*What has happened to your team that will make a difference this year?*

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#### BYRUM SAAM



*Philadelphia Phillies*  
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Many good things that will make a difference. We have a new shortstop, John Kennedy, the first Negro in club history; bonus baby

Harry Anderson; and a new first baseman, Ed Bouche. Our three star pitchers, Roberts, Simmons and Haddix, will have the help of talented youngsters.

#### JACK MORAN



*Cincinnati Redlegs*  
WSAI-radio

We have the power, stronger pitching, better balance and we've had the experience as a pennant contender.

Pitching wasn't too strong last year. The acquisition of Warren Hacker, plus Don Gross and Tom Acker, who show great promise, gives us a lot more pitching strength.

#### ELAINE WALSH



*Atlanta Braves*  
WEMP-radio

The experience gained from last year's close race is bound to help. The club has more spirit and desire than ever. Fred Haney has

placed great stress on fundamentals, which he feels cost the Braves the pennant last year. The same personnel, with Haney and added experience, should do it in '57.

#### DICK BINGHAM



*Pittsburgh Pirates*  
WWSW-radio

Bill Virdon in the lineup from the start will be a major change for the better. His acquisition last year ranks ahead of the Brink's

job as a steal. Other factors which should put us in the first division are Frank Thomas starting at third and Bill Mazeroski in his first full season at second.

#### AL HELFER



*Brooklyn Dodgers*  
WOR-TV

The supposedly fading veterans—Campanella, Hodges, Reese, Furillo and Snider—are all driving hard to prove they have what

is expected of champions. The youngsters—Zimmer, Neal and Cimoli—are pushing to play regularly. Podres answers Alston's need for a top left-hander.

#### GENE ELSTON



*Chicago Cubs*  
WIND-radio

The root of our woes during the past decade—too many chiefs and not enough Indians—is remedied with the acquisition of Vice-

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### HARRY CARAY



St. Louis Cardinals  
KTVI-TV

One of our best pitchers during last season ranks ninth on the current staff. That's the tip-off. Frank Lane has added pitchers like

Murry Dickson, Herm Wehmeier, Jim Davis, Sam Jones and Hoyt Wilhelm. With Del Ennis, we now have the home run punch we need. We are also improved through the added experience gained by Ken Boyer, Don Blasingame, Hal Smith, Larry Jackson and Vinegar Bend Mizell during last season's race.

### BOB DELANEY



New York Giants  
WPIX-TV

The Giants had the misfortune of losing three of their finest young players to the service—Willie Kirkland, Bill White and

Jackie Brandt. So this year they've taken a good look at Andre Rodgers, a shortstop who has a chance for stardom in the National League, and a determined older outfielder, Hank Sauer. We won't be the door mats that the general public thinks we will be. We can finish fifth or fourth, with a little bit of luck.

### BOB NEAL



Cleveland Indians  
WREX-radio

The new team manager, Kerby Farrell, is a hustler who has been stressing speed and better base running throughout spring

training. We'll be a much faster ball club this year than we were last. With Herb Score physically well and the entire pitching staff obviously deeper, our pitching should be stronger than ever. If Roger Maris can make the grade in center field and Larry Raines can make a good showing at third, look out Yankees.

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### BOB MURPHY



*Boston Red Sox*  
WJZ-TV,  
WNAC-TV

A year makes a big difference. Last year, youngsters like Brewer, Delock, Sider, Gernert, Lapco reached major league maturity. This year, all five may star. The real difference could rest on the success of surgery to Mel Parnell's elbow. With baseball's best outfield, the outlook seems brighter.

### MEL OTT



*Detroit Tigers*  
WJBL-TV

The Tigers have more depth. The trade for Pinigian and Robinson gives Manager Tighe more flexibility for changes. Belling at second from the start of the season helps the infield. Last year, injuries to Kuenn, Boone and Kaline hurt our strength and morale. That's unlikely to happen again.

### MERLE HARMON



*Kansas City Athletics*  
KMBC-radio

*New Faces* was a smash on Broadway. A new team spirit and new faces mean a sixth-place finish. The new faces of Cerv, Noren, Hunter, Graff and Pooni give the A's depth they never had before. And McDermott, Moran, Coleman, Garver and Trucks are forming a pitching staff with authority.

### JACK BRICKHOUSE



*Chicago White Sox*  
WGN-TV

My colleague has answered for the Cubs, so I'll answer for the White Sox. Last year, key injuries or sickness cost the Sox the full effectiveness of Doby, Donovan, Howell, Keegan and a few others. This year Al Lopez has a healthy squad, making the White Sox the biggest problem for the Yankees.



**CHUCK THOMPSON**



Washington Senators  
WTTG-TV

We have the finest catching depth in the league, plus a year's experience for two of the league's finest young pitchers, Pascual and Ramos. Brodowski may prove to be a pleasant sleeper, Kunnels has upped his average. Also, Yost's sickness and Snyder's broken wrist won't plague us any more.

**LARRY RAY**



Baltimore Orioles  
WMAR-TV

The 1967 Orioles have more confidence and optimism because of Paul Richards' know-how and magic touch. His "think—win with fewer mistakes" adds a fourth dimension to baseball's big three—run, hit and throw. Player-developing is paying off with Rookies Robinson, Beamon, Powis, Durham.

**MEL ALLEN**



New York Yankees  
WPIX-TV

It's hard to point to anything in a young team that won the World Series, but the presence of so many outstanding rookies has given Stengel the problem of cutting down. Kubek and Richardson are youngsters who should stay, with Kubek having a chance of being the Rookie of the Year.

**NEXT WEEK:**

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# TWO SHOTS THAT



FORD SENDS HIS WINNING BUNKER SHOT TO THE CUP IN STORM OF SAND. DAY BEFORE (RIGHT) HE WADED IN FOR AMPHIBIOUS BLAST ON 15TH

**'No good at playing it safe' and covering the course like a man in a hurry, Doug Ford shot a last-round 66 to rescue the Masters from galling inconclusiveness**

ON THE FINAL DAY of the Masters a chunky and relaxed man named Douglas Michael Ford stood in the 15th fairway of the Augusta National course, squatted at the distant green and sluggish creek protecting it and called for the club strong enough to carry all the way, the three-wood. His Negro caddy, who felt he had almost as much at stake, his tip, balked. By the electric word of mouth of tournament golf, news had just reached Doug Ford and his caddy that, behind them on the course, Sam Snead, the tournament leader, was busy bogeying the 10th and 11th holes.

"Use your four-iron," his caddy pleaded in some panic. "Gonna cost me \$100 if you go in the water."

"I'm no good at playing safe," Doug Ford snapped. And with that, after the typically brief address he allows himself, Ford swung his spoon back in his oddly flat arc and sent the ball screaming toward the pond. It sailed barely over and kicked to the edge of the green; with two putts he was down for a birdie 4.

That was the way Ford played Augusta, and that—as it

turned out—was how the 1957 Masters was won. The day before, while the big crowd was following Snead, Ford tried the same shot and landed in the muck at the edge of the water. He stripped off his shoes, rolled up his pants to the knees, waded in and blasted on his way in a spray of Georgia creek water.

But he was saving his most memorable shot for the last day and the 18th hole. Coming up to the 18th he needed a par 4 to finish with a dazzling 67. But his approach shot, a mis-hit seven-iron, landed in a sand trap short of the green and half buried itself. So Ford scrambled into the trap on the double, without drawing a deep breath flailed at it—and watched it plop right into the cup for a 66. It was the best final-round score in the 21-year history of the Masters. It gave Ford 283 for the tournament and what proved to be a three-stroke margin over Sammy Snead. With some justification he tossed his sand wedge two dozen feet in the air.

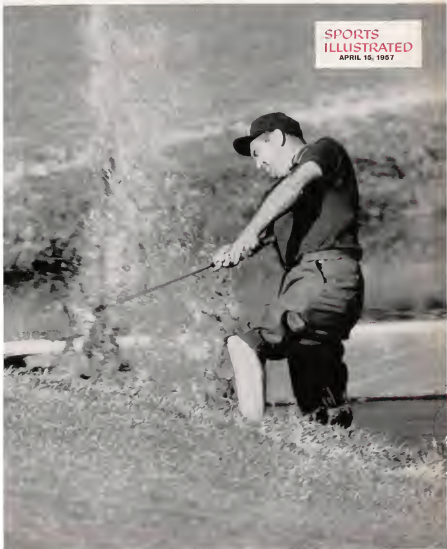
Ford is no stylist of golf. He gallops up to his shots, takes

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# WON THE MASTERS

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GOLFER CROSBY WATCHED FROM SIDELINES



BOB JONES, MASTER OF MASTERS, FOLLOWED THE TOURNAMENT PLAY FROM OFFICIAL CART



PALMER, DESPITE FINE 65, WOUND UP, SEVENTH



DEMARRET GOT TWO 70s, CAME IN THIRD

## DOUG FORD AND THE MASTERS

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a quick look and fires. He goes around the course in Mach One. But he is probably the best man on the circuit at getting down in two putts. At Augusta he played the greens like the pool shark he used to be, and was never far off the tournament pack with tidy daily performances of 72-73-72 and ultimately, of course, the 66. Up to now, at 34, Ford's best triumph was his 1955 PGA victory at Meadowbrook. Hereafter the Mahopac, N.Y. pro can be known as the man who saved the 1957 Masters from what otherwise would have been galling inconclusiveness.

At the end of the third round, after he had posted a bogey-littered 74, Sam Snead confronted the scoreboard in some surprise. "You mean to tell me I shot a 74 and am still leading this man's tournament?" He whistled. "Man, there must be some pea-picking poor golfers in that field out there!"

As a matter of fact, at that moment, there were. Incredibly gone from the tournament were Ben Hogan, Cary Middlecoff, Mike Souchak and a dozen other stars of tournament competition—while still in contention were such venerable figures as Henry Cotton, 50, Henry Picard, 49, and Byron Nelson, 45. The final round of the Masters this year also included 1) a nightclub crooner who plays

only to get out in the sun, 2) a dentist from Cucamonga, Calif. and 3) a number of part-time businessmen golfers who haven't fired a golf shot in hope or anger in 20 years.

What had happened was that the tournament committee changed the rules this year to provide for only 40 players in the last two days—the first cut of any kind in Masters history, and drastically, disastrously too far down. The idea was not to cut out the Hogans and the Souchaks but the museum pieces—who proved, on the contrary, to be harder than some of the youngsters. "We are just as anxious as ever to have the older champions 'come to the party,' although some of them may no longer be serious contenders," tactfully explained Tournament Chairman Cliff Roberts in announcing the innovation last February. "We know that many players . . . feel obligated to play out the full 72 holes even though they may not be scoring well. The new regulation automatically takes care of this particular problem." It surely did. But it created a locker-room eruption that rocked not only the tournament but all golf.

Cary Middlecoff, for instance, walked seething off the green after he had holed his 152nd shot Friday, stalked into the bar and demanded a triple Scotch which disappeared faster than Doug Ford's last trap shot. This was followed by the disappearance of Middlecoff himself, who did not even slow down on his way out of town to attend the



CARY MIDDLECOTT DROPPED OUT AFTER SECOND-ROUND FRUNINGS



HOGAN, SHOWN WITH WIFE VALERIE, WAS ALSO FRUNING VICTIM



SAM SNEAD, HERE SWINGING DOWN THE 10TH FAIRWAY ON FIRST DAY, LED TOURNAMENT WELL INTO THE FINAL ROUND, FINISHED SECOND

traditional dinner thrown for former champions by last year's champion, a dinner livelier than ever this year judging by the sounds of angry voices drifting out of the club room and through the magnolia leaves.

The point was that many a man has been far back on the second day, only to come on to victory. Burke was eight strokes behind on the last day a year ago and still won.

Despite Doug Ford's wonderful 66, one question which will hum through the gin-and-tonic fumes in the locker rooms all summer is: could Hogan have made up 11 strokes in 36 holes? And, thanks to Ford's smart finish, those who watched Ben play the first 36 will have to doubt it. From tee to green he was still almost Hogan, squinting down the wide fairways like a hawk surveying a chicken yard. But on the greens, it was the hawk who became the chicken. If it was anybody but Hogan it would have been funny. Ben couldn't have done worse putting with a tire iron. And from a distance, it seemed he was. Hogan finally did not even attack the course any more. In fact he couldn't even defend himself against it. He set a new modern Hogan record with 38 putts in the second round.

The defection seemed, at first, to leave the pickings all to Snead, and Sam swung joyously to the task on Saturday, birdie-ing the first hole with the dash of a cutlass-swinging pirate. But then he turned back into Snead again. He couldn't have been in more trouble on purpose. "Ah

been fighting the squirrels all day," he groaned as shot after shot sprayed out of sight into the piney woods. But, the point is, you can spray at Augusta and the squirrels had a chance to see Snead's scythelike two-iron come crashing down through the acorns and pine needles—as the big white nut went rocketing toward the green, curling around trees and almost spitting sparks as it came to a dead stop with a little *entrechat* on the green. Snead still missed half his two-foot putts, but he had only seven three-putt greens for the first three rounds, which is awful, but for Snead pretty good.

Snead took his loss philosophically although he was a little pained at the way it happened. "I didn't yip hardly any putts today," he complained. "I was nice and relaxed, and thought the whole cake was mine. But here's a man who takes all those one-putts and some no-putts [Ford had chipped in on No. 12, too]. Can't win over that." Grinned Ford, who tends to play a hooking game: "The good Lord cooperated on this course today and made it perfect for my hard ball."

Ford's caddie, George Franklin, struck the only unregenerate note. He still thought his man had played too risky a game. "It worked this year," he observed sourly, still perspiring at the money that almost went in the water on No. 15. "But it ain't gonna work next, I'm telling ya. Man 4 under par shoulda played it safe." (END)



ANTHONY, 22, COULD WELL BE FLOYD PATTERSON'S REAL TEST

## MEET YOUNG MR. ANTHONY

**His smashing victory in Detroit brought a sense of order to the light heavyweight division—and a promise of excitement to come**

**T**ONY ANTHONY is a 22-year-old, cigar-colored prizefighter of admirable, almost final skills who last week, in a few stunning moments, brought both present order and promise to the dolorous light heavyweight division. Until that time Anthony was comparatively unknown, lightly regarded. Indeed, a betting man who once innocently speculated on Anthony was filled with rue when he first saw him—tall, sedate, even ascetic—in his corner. "Oh, he's an intellectual," he moaned. "All night long, I'm stuck with intellectuals." A brief show of Anthony's lovely talents, however, finished his remorse and established an identity. "You know," the better told a companion, "Anthony ain't no intellectual. He's an artist."

The artistry of Tony Anthony, like the mystic light

which burns beneath the bushel basket, remained all but hidden until last week, when, before 8,651 at the Detroit Olympia and millions on television, the basket was lifted.

Anthony was there to fight Chuck Spieser in a 12-round elimination bout to determine a proper challenger for Champion Archie Moore. Because Spieser, 27 and partially bald, was a home-town boy and had a reputation as a punishing and durable fellow, and because Anthony carried the stigma of a glass jaw, Spieser was a 13-5 favorite.

From the opening bell, Anthony's artistry was overwhelmingly evident, the odds a fanciful joke. He moved lightly and positively, whether coming in or backing off, and pushed a jab in Spieser's face, kept it there until the face was red and puffed, thoroughly frustrating any

intentions Spieser had of mounting an offensive. The major part of the second round was of much the same cut—Spieser gamely, fitfully charging the imperturbable Anthony, but bewildered, off balance and displaying hardly enough speed to catch a bear in a phone booth. Some four seconds before the end of the round Anthony suckered Spieser into a left jab and crossed over with his right. Spieser went down. He would surely have been counted out but for the grace of the bell. A second had to push him off the stool for the third round. He fought with vigor once he got his bearings, but the end was inevitable. He eventually stepped into a startling combination and was counted out as Anthony marched to a neutral corner.

"I was so soo-prized," said Spieser later, holding ice on his eyes. "He's just a whole lot more fighter than everyone figured he was."

So he was, this tall (6 feet 1 inch), 173-pounder from Harlem who wears four-button Ivy League sport jackets and knife-crease flannels and plays a passable hot trumpet; a little debonair, a little self-possessed as he drank orange juice at a postfight party in Paradise Valley, Detroit's Negro district. Life there and then was "crazy, man, crazy"; he talked of buying a sport car but "not one I can get killed in, man," and the young lady he sweet-talked on the phone he complimented by calling "grandmother."

Anthony first gained his measure of repute and confidence in 1932, when he won, under his rightful name Ernest, the National AAU 156-pound title. He was an alternate on the Olympic team along with Spieser that year, a team which, of course, boasted Heavyweight Champion Floyd Patterson. He turned pro after the Games and has won 30 of 34 fights, 23 by knockouts. His four losses, however, have also been by knockout, all when he was fighting, as his camp puts it, "as a weakened middleweight." Anthony further clarifies what well may be a fussy prejudice about his chin. "I've been knocked out once in my life," he says. "Bobby Boyd caught me right on the button. That could have happened to anybody. Three of those fights were stopped because I had cut eyes. I was winning every one, and I could have kept going."

Anthony will certainly keep going, but where and when? First is a June 7 date with Archie Moore, also in Detroit, but there has been speculation that it may take place later and in another city. Moore was flying the dark Atlantic to Germany for several tune-up bouts and some rigorous reducing while Anthony was knocking out Spieser, and missed the few minutes of enlightenment. He will certainly have to show more speed and craft than he did against Patterson last November if he has hopes of retaining his title. If Anthony does get by the Old Artificer, however, the light heavyweight class—that doldrums in which float those who never grew enough to make a living as heavyweights—may have little charm or profit for him. Like so many before him, he may then try the move up. In that remote place and time waits his old Olympic buddy, Floyd Patterson. Patterson, training now at his favorite watering place, Greenwood Lake, N.Y., did not watch the fight on television. But his manager and surrogate, Gus D'Amato, had this to say: "If he had seen him, he'd have to say, 'There's a pretty good fellow, wouldn't you say?'"

Anthony wisely would not comment on what he could do to Patterson in the ring if they ever met, but he said he was not afraid of him. "I just grow up," he said. "Maybe I had growing pains, but I feel a lot stronger. I'm a man now. I took Spieser's best punch and he didn't take mine. That's all I needed."

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ANTHONY AVOIDS Chuck Spieser's lunging right cross in one of few moments in which he had to call on defensive galle.



ANTHONY ATTACKS, hooking Spieser high on the head before (below) he puts him down and out at 2:12 of the third round.



# JIM BREWER, 18: HIGH ON A



**GOING UP** against the Arizona sky, Brewer gets a final lift from his hands as he quits the pole to scrape over the bar at 14½ feet.

At an age when Cornelius Warmerdam and the Rev. Bob Richards were under 13 feet, Brewer pushes 15



**UNSMILING JIM BREWER AIMS FOR 16 FEET**

AS THE BRUSQUE WINDS of spring chased winter into the north, America's track and field athletes moved happily into the open air. At the Texas Relays in Austin, four of Texas' hardy sprinting perennials whisked to a new world record in the 880-yard relay (see page 116). Joe Rose of Arizona State trundled quickly down a short runway, lifted briefly and won the pole vault with a jump of 14 feet 3¾ inches, a meet record. In California, in the same event, Occidental's Bob Gutowski vaulted 15 feet 4 inches and set a new NCAA record. Everywhere, as spring moved swiftly across the face of the land, the outdoor track meets followed as swiftly in its path.

But while the college meets monopolized newspaper, connoisseurs last week spared attention for a high school meet—yes, high school—between North Phoenix and Camelback High in Phoenix, Ariz. For it was here that one of the most interesting stories in the long continued story of the athlete's struggle against the limitations of time, distance and height was beginning to be told.

The Phoenix meet drew a typical high school crowd—some 200 students half lost in a combination football and track arena. The day was warm and bedeviled by a frisky wind which switched capriciously around the points of the compass and played hob with performances. Since the performances, as is usual in high school meets, were mostly routine, the wind really made small difference except to one lean, fine-drawn youngster with the clear look of the great athlete in beautifully muscled arms and shoulders and trim, long legs.

Jim Brewer is a remarkably unremarkable young man. He wears his blond hair in a flat-top crew cut, likes sports, ice cream sodas, jazz (not rock 'n' roll), movies and a pretty, blonde girl named Marabah Wilson who also attends North Phoenix High School. He has not considered seriously what he would like to do for a living, although he leans a bit toward engineering. He wears the uniform of his kind in Phoenix, when he is not on the practice field—faded, beltless blue jeans which hang precariously on lean hips, and a white T shirt. He is a quiet, popular youngster, indistinguishable from any number of quiet youngsters in a thousand high schools in America, except for one thing.



# MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION

Jim Brewer, equipped with the quick, sure coordination of a hunting cat and a spare, strong body, has, too, the one thing which separates the great athletes from the good ones—an obsession. For Brewer, the obsession is pole vaulting. He started in the sixth grade, built himself a vaulting pit in his backyard in the seventh, climbed awkwardly over 12 feet, clad in Levis, in the eighth. Since then, dressed more conventionally in a track suit, he has vaulted higher than anyone his age has ever done in the history of track and field.

At an age when Cornelius Warmerdam, holder of the world record at 15 feet 8½ inches, had cleared only 12-3, Brewer has vaulted an incredible 14 feet 9½ inches. Bob Richards, who has vaulted above 15 feet more often than any man who ever lived, reached only 12 feet in high school and Don Bragg, a vaulter who bids seriously for 16 feet, went 13-6 in high school. Gutowski, who set the NCAA record in California, made 12-3½ at La Jolla High.

So it is not surprising that track connoisseurs everywhere watch with interest when young Brewer competes. And on this warm, windy afternoon, before 200 mildly interested high school students, Brewer vaulted as well as only he has ever vaulted so young.

He had strained a belly muscle three days before the meet taking some of the endless exercises he takes to strengthen himself for his obsession. The wind, too, was a hazard to him and he changed runways to have it at his back. He cleared 13 feet 6 inches on the south runway, doing it easily; the wind skittered into the north and he moved to the north runway and worked his way up to 14 feet one inch. He cleared that and moved up to 14-6 and, with the few kids on hand drifting away as the meet ended, he tried three times and missed each time. He had won the event long since and his winning height would be 14-1, but he moved slowly back to the end of the runway again.

Vernon Wolfe, his coach, trickled sawdust through his fingers to test the wind. When it fell straight down, he motioned to Brewer and the youngster started down the runway again. He starts slowly but he runs smoothly, and he swept gracefully off the ground, the long, lean body trailing down from his hand grip briefly, then swinging up and twisting and going up again until he hung still and high against the late evening sky for a moment, the pole beginning to drop back and away, his hands oddly graceful in the final push-off, then his body beginning to drop, the crossbar still there and the jump made.

"Did you see him push off the pole with his lower hand?" Wolfe asked. "No coach would believe a man could go that high and give up the six or eight inches a good thrust from the top [right] hand gives."

Wolfe is sure Brewer can go 16 feet. "He could hit 15-8 almost any day—any time he holds the pole at 12-3 and gets his thrust right."

Brewer is not so sure. He doubts his speed. "It will take a 9.6 sprinter," he says, thinking of his own 11 flat. Wolfe points out Brewer starts slow but finishes a hundred at the clip of a 10.3 sprinter. Warmerdam, who obviously hopes Brewer will come to him at Fresno State next year, is more optimistic than Wolfe. "Brewer has no ceiling as far as I'm concerned," he says.

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COMING DOWN after clean vault, Brewer releases the pole with a wrist thrust and looks for a safe landing in the sawdust below.



THE WATER BOILS UNDER THE POWER OF SOPHOMORE TIM JECKO'S BUTTERFLY STROKE. RIVALS RESPECT HIM FOR HIS DRIVING FINISHES

## A SOPHOMORE TO WATCH

**SOPHOMORE SWIMMER** grins after a workout—when layed up before races Jecko wears a deceptive expression of self-doubt.

**L**EAN and handsome Tim Jecko, a 19-year-old Yale sophomore from Bethesda, Md., has made it plain during the last fortnight that he is fast becoming one of the world's top swimmers. In the NCAA championships at Chapel Hill, N.C. he set two records and was a triple winner. Last week, during the AAU championships at Florida's Daytona Beach, he won the 400-yard individual medley (in which a swimmer must do 100 yards each of butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle) in 4:39.2, the fastest time ever made by an American. He was beaten at his favorite stroke in the 100-yard butterfly, but in losing he demonstrated that he is worthy of succeeding the victor, Ohio State's incomparable Al Wiggins, who is certainly one of the world's three most versatile modern swimmers but who is soon to devote himself to the study of law. World Record Holder Wiggins was only a yard ahead at the 50-yard mark, had to sprint from there to the finish to stay in front of young Jecko, who is the only other man on earth to have broken 55 seconds for the event. As they stood together after the race Wiggins grinned and said: "I don't ever want him this close to me in the water."



# EVENTS & DISCOVERIES

**BASEBALL: A MILLION MANAGERS • NEW RULES AND OLD  
FAVORITES AT AUGUSTA • THE BLUE AND THE GRAY, THE  
TEE AND THE GREEN • BULLS AND BOX OFFICE IN MEXICO**

## PLAY BALL!

NO SPORT inspires and nourishes so vast and dedicated a body of thinkers as baseball; the 1957 baseball season began, in the minds of millions, the day after the 1956 World Series, and has long since been played and won a thousand different ways. This is not to say that the baseball fan is aliphod, whimsical or careless in constructing his edifices of imagination. He is painstaking in the extreme. He is informed. He is as logical as a Premier of France. It is easy to discover these sterling qualities in him because he is also evangelistic, and once he has weighed the evidence and viewed the exhibits and retired to his chambers and discovered the winners of the forthcoming major league races, he says so, verbally and in print.

A good many of him have given SPORTS ILLUSTRATED the benefit of their reasoning during recent weeks, and these documents (see 19th HOME) are models of sober, measured and even witty prose. Take, for instance, the American League race as viewed by David Balkin of Syracuse, N.Y. "Being of reasonably sound mind and body," he writes, "I predict the Yankee dynasty is at an end this year and the Red Sox are going to win the pennant." Here, obviously, is a man of judiciousness and restraint, who feels impelled, simply by the overwhelming weight of evidence, to make a flat statement. He is, he says, of "reasonably" sound mind. Not a man with a chip on his shoulder. A man, obviously, who is perfectly capable of admitting his own shortcomings. But he knows something and feels duty bound, as a good fellow, to pass the information on. How are we to doubt him—even though virtually everybody else in the United States

feels certain that the Yankees are going to do it again? It seems almost a shame at this time of year that the baseball season is about to begin, and that the pitchers will be forced to throw actual baseballs at the batters, and that disconcerting reality is about to wash up and crash again upon the sand castles built with such loving care through the winter months. But we need shed no tears.

The Red Sox, or the Detroit Tigers, or even Baltimore could win the pennant. But if they do not, the winter thinker who lifted them to the heights will not be proved wrong. Reality in baseball—and perhaps this helps explain the game's enormous fascination—exists only by permission of the man in the stands, and who is to say he is wrong if he believes that fate, rather than any human agency, is responsible

for the setbacks incurred by his current set of heroes? Who can really dispute him if he cries—as thousands of him will cry in September—that his team could have done it and *should* have done it and *would* have done it if? Who will not admire him when he sets out, devotedly as a homeless beaver, to rebuild his structure of logic next fall? If his team wins in 1957, of course the blighter is going to be insufferable, simply insufferable.

Play ball!

## MASTERLESS MASTERS

WITHOUT DOUBT the Masters is the greatest event of the golf year to the hundreds of thousands of golf spectators who have traveled south for nearly a quarter of a century to the

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## CURRENT WEEK & WHAT'S AHEAD

### • Legislative Business

A majority of Congressmen will repair to Griffith Stadium Monday for the first day of the baseball season. For the first time, pondering baseball's status under the antitrust laws, they can say it is a business trip.

### • Spring Training for Ted

Ted Williams, the adult *enfant terrible* of the baseball world, wound up his spring vocal training with a blast at the U.S. Marine Corps and politicians who let the Marines recall him to service in Korea, later heat a tactical retreat, said he loved the Marines, tapered off grumbling about Joe Louis' tax bill.

### • New Invention

The Soviet Union, which has claimed the invention of everything from the electric light bulb to the airplane, has invented a new inner history of the 1956 Olympics. Allen Dulles' CIA, say the Soviets, tempted Red athletes with toothsome blondes and propaganda at Melbourne, while Allen's brother John Foster (oddly enough) forbade American athletes to fraternize with their Russian counterparts.

### • Out of the Alley

The American Bowling Congress, squeamish about the connotation of the word "alley," has started a quiet campaign among its members to call the bowling arena a lane, thus rescuing its membership from an alley environment.

## EVENTS & DISCOVERIES

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enchantment of the flowering green acres of Augusta, where spring seems trapped for a brief moment before being released to the rest of the country. Anyone who has spent a week or even a day there since the inception of the tournament in 1934 surely has recorded it in his memory book as one of his unforgettable experiences. What winter-weary soul could long remain insensitive to the lovely rolling fairways, the greener, jewellike greens, the gay chorus of azalea and dogwood blooms and the towering pines of this cathedral of golf? What golf-starved wanderer could miss the giddy and sentimental fact that here in this golfers' heaven he is being treated to the rare privilege of seeing the living masters of the game perform as if for him alone?

Augusta National is no ordinary course, and the Masters HAS BEEN no ordinary tournament. The HAS BEEN in the previous sentence is capitalized to indicate a tear stain, for it is with sadness that we must record the opinion that this year was the year of disenchantment for the Masters. It is difficult to comprehend how the same geniuses (golf's nonpareil, Bob Jones, and golf's shrewdest statesman, Cliff Roberts) who conceived and conducted the Masters so masterfully could have installed a new rule that this year swept more than half the masters off the course after the first two days of the tournament, thus making it impossible for the vast Saturday-Sunday crowds to see them at all.

Horton Smith, who won the first tournament in 1934 and has played in every round since, was speaking strictly for himself and his eliminated colleagues when he said: "It's like being invited to a home for dinner and being told to get up and get out before they serve the dessert." Let us speak for the paying spectators: It's like paying for a full meal and then being told that you'll have to skip the main course.

### TRAPPED GENERALS

WHEN General William Tecumseh Sherman headed southeast from Atlanta and marched through Georgia to Savannah, he proved that, as he may have said, war is all hell. He laid waste the countryside and burned a few fields which, without doubt, have since been made into golf courses. On these courses, fighting the battles of the game, legions of golfers have without doubt agreed that golf, too, can be

hell. This creates a sort of tenuous link between Sherman and golf, and the Civil War and golf, and might have served for the tiny excuse General George H. Decker needed back in 1948 when he decided to install a golf course at Fort Jackson, on the outskirts of Columbia, S.C. and not too far from the scene of Sherman's depredations. At any rate, General Decker ordered that a course be built and, to lend a fillop of military flavor to the project, he decreed that each hole should be named after a Civil War general—nine Confederates, nine Unions—and that



each hole should be tailored to fit the personality of its namesake.

History books were drawn from the post library, historians and golfers studied them carefully and the Fort Jackson course was born, leading off with a par-5 General Ulysses S. Grant and winding up with a par-4 General George Thomas. General Sherman sprawls over No. 17, a 352-yard par-4 which demands "logical, active, alert, determined, daring" play. Surprisingly, General Sherman is not the rougher hole on the course. General Henry Halleck (389 yards, par 4, No. 4) and General Joseph Johnston (413 yards, par 4, No. 14) are the stickiest problems on the course. General Halleck, who proved too bookish to be effective as a field commander and wound up as chief of staff for the Federals, lends the proper note of caution to No. 4, whose green is guarded by strategically placed traps which require an accurate tee shot for a playable approach; Johnston, who was known principally for his mastery of the art of strategic retreat, is dignified by the planning and concentration required to play No. 14, where the golfer's second shot must have backspin to stay on.

All in all, the well-planned, handsome layout offers a real test of a golfer's skill and, as lagniappe, a brief course in Civil War military history. Herewith, as a refresher in history and as a set of hortatory maxims for the golf season coming up, is the Fort Jackson layout:

No. 1: 614 yards, par 5. Ulysses Grant ("determination").

No. 2: 449 yards, par 4. Phil Sheridan, of Winchester and Chickamauga ("an accurate estimation of the situation").

No. 3: 214 yards, par 3. Stonewall

Jackson, of Bull Run, The Valley and Chancellorsville ("singleness of purpose").

No. 4: Halleck.

No. 5: 431 yards, par 4. Jeb Stuart, of the Peninsula and the Seven Days ("use of a cavalryman's initiative").

No. 6: 538 yards, par 5. Dutch Longstreet, of Second Bull Run and Gettysburg ("self-discipline").

No. 7: 389 yards, par 4. Jubal Early, of Winchester and Cedar Creek ("courage").

No. 8: 167 yards, par 3. Harvey Hill, of the Seven Days and Richmond ("precision").

No. 9: 408 yards, par 4. John Magruder, of Yorktown and Galveston ("cleverness").

No. 10: 400 yards, par 4. Wade Hampton, of Bull Run and the Seven Pines ("accuracy").

No. 11: 183 yards, par 3. George B. McClellan, of Seven Pines and Antietam ("caution").

No. 12: 440 yards, par 4. Robert E. Lee ("careful planning").

No. 13: 530 yards, par 5. George Meade, of Second Bull Run and Gettysburg ("strength").

No. 14: Johnston.

No. 15: 187 yards, par 3. Joe Hooker, of Chancellorsville and Lookout Mountain ("bravery and skill").

No. 16: 600 yards, par 5. Ambrose E. Burnside, of Spottsylvania and Cold Harbor ("power").

No. 17: Sherman.

No. 18: 407 yards, par 4. George Thomas, of Logan's Cross Roads and Chickamauga ("poise").

### LET BRAZIL DO IT?

IT HAS BEEN APPARENT for some time that the city of Cleveland is unable—or unwilling—to bear the whole cost of financing the Pan-American Games in 1959. Congress, it became plain last week, will refuse to appropriate \$5 million to make up the difference and will thus end all hope for a project which has been rickety and ill-conceived from the beginning. Although everyone concerned is able to say, and with certain justification, that the fault is not his, this rejection of the games will nevertheless create a lamentable impression upon our neighbors. Having bid for the games—an American pre-Olympic sport carnival begun at Buenos Aires in 1951 and restaged at Mexico City two years ago—the U.S. is now saying, in effect, that it is just too busy or too bored to go on with them.

The progressive muddle over the

continued



"Do you give trading stamps?"

## EVENTS & DISCOVERIES

continued

proposed Cleveland games was probably inevitable from the beginning, for Cleveland never sought them; they were the brain child of just one man, Ohio's state auditor, James A. Rhodes. The auditor, a big, ebullient promoter-politician, is also a former president of the AAU with a deep interest in athletics. He burst in upon Cleveland's Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze just before the Mexico City games in 1935, and announced that he wanted to make a bid, on Cleveland's behalf, for the next ones. The mayor apparently believed that any bid so blithely conceived could only be considered a piece of civic politeness. At any rate he gave Rhodes a letter to the Pan-American Games executive committee and forgot about it. To say that he was astounded when Rhodes triumphantly informed him that Cleveland's bid had been accepted would be the grossest understatement. Cleveland officialdom, which had been largely ignorant of Rhodes' plan, felt that it had been stuck with a white elephant.

Once stuck, however, the city set out to prepare; if it was less than enthusiastic it nevertheless appointed a games committee and drew plans for donating a half-million dollars worth of land and—with the state and county—for raising \$7 million of the \$13 million needed to finance the big show. It agreed to build a big stadium, a velodrome and a swimming pool. Meanwhile Ohio's Republican Senator George G. Bender, on whose influence Rhodes had counted in making his bid in the first place, got a resolution authorizing \$5 million in federal funds through the Senate. GOP Congresswoman Frances Bolton got the same resolution through the House.

But in November Senator Bender was beaten for re-election by Ohio's Democratic Governor Frank Lausche—and Senator Lausche disapproved of the expenditure of federal funds for the games. The State Department, into whose budget the \$5 million had been written—mostly because nobody seemed to know where else to put it—likewise threw a monkey wrench into the machinery. It did not disapprove of the games as such but did not think it had any business promoting athletic contests.

Meanwhile Congress became increasingly engrossed in reduction of the budget; the fact that President Eisenhower spoke up for the games at a press conference last month affected

this attitude not a whit, and last week a House appropriations subcommittee voted the \$5 million down.

Few voices were raised in protest. A good many of Cleveland's leading lights seemed downright relieved. Auditor Rhodes was mum, Washington Republicans uninterested. Cleveland will not actually lose the games until May 1; Congress, in theory, could restore the Pan-American Games appropriation before that time. The odds, however, are one in a million. The games will go to Rio de Janeiro—if that city is able, at this late date, to prepare for them. If not they will doubtless be remembered in Latin America as the wonderful athletic contest which was destroyed by the arrogant Yankees.

## DEBT IN THE AFTERNOON

THE SHRUNKEN—and still shrinking T—minors; the reluctance of city administrations to finance new ball parks; a Congress whose members (being politically sagacious) are baseball lovers to a man but seem bent on re-classifying the national game as a business—these are some of the headaches which plague baseball's impresarios. But any impresario who wants quick relief might look south to Mexico City, where bullfighting is in such bad shape that it makes American baseball appear to be square in the middle of a Golden Age.

For the last five Sundays the Plaza Mexico, the biggest bull ring in the world, has been empty and silent. Its impresario, Dr. Alfonso Gaona, is bankrupt. He owes 2½ million pesos

to bull breeders, matadors and helpers for fights that have already taken place. And the breeders have declared they will supply no more bulls, and the performers no more performances, until Dr. Gaona—or somebody—pays up in full.

Gaona's bankruptcy is not due to woolly-headed management. He is known as a clever, and sometimes cold-blooded, operator. But he faces a combination of factors which make it necessary to sell out the 50,000-seat bull ring virtually every Sunday of the season just in order to survive; anything less means disaster.

The Plaza Mexico is the property of a rich Spaniard named Cosío. His contracts with Promoter Gaona keep all the concessions—cushions, advertising, the sale of beer—for himself, along with a generous cut of the reserved seat sales. The Mexican government takes nearly a third of all gate receipts in taxes; and, as costs have risen, it has kept the scale of ticket prices firmly frozen at six to 75 pesos per ticket (a peso is worth about eight cents in American money).

All this is hard on a promoter, but on top of everything else neither the bulls nor the matadors are as rousing as they used to be. This view, it is claimed, is not just a rose-colored glance at the past, but a fact. Bullfighting has always gone in cycles, and since the death of Manolete and the semiretirement of Domingain and Carlos Arruza, no one has quite come along to take their places. As for the bulls, a treaty between the United States and Mexico which forbids the importing of fresh Spanish breeding stock has led to the exhaustion of bloodlines on Mexican bull ranches. (The treaty was meant to help stop the spread of hoof-and-mouth disease among North American cattle.)

The decline in quality of the corridos has led to smaller crowds; and these in turn have meant bankruptcy for the promoter. So the whole great structure of big-time bullfighting in Mexico, with its color and courage and crowds, has come tumbling down. It will take someone with at least four million pesos in ready cash to pay off old debts and put new wheels in motion for next year. That someone may be hard to find—unless, of course, the Spanish season, which begins Easter Week, discloses a new matador whose arrogance, skill, grace and courage make the aficionados both remember and forget Manolete. Then the old's! of Madrid will echo in Mexico City, and the pesos will be forthcoming.



## SPRING WAXING

The homers that boom in the spring,  
trun-la,  
Bounce happily over the wall  
As we merrily dance and we sing,  
trun-la,  
Of winning the pennant by fall  
But that lad with the powerful swing,  
trun-la,  
Will seldom be prancing off base,  
For the homers that boom in the spring,  
trun-la,  
Have little to do with the race

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*A special message from*  
**THE PRESIDENT**  
*of THE UNITED STATES*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1957

At the start of the 1957 baseball season, I should like to extend my best wishes to the thousands of Americans who will be participating once again in our national game.

Wherever baseball is played -- in our major league parks, in the minor leagues, on sandlots and diamonds all over our country -- the game always brings out keen rivalry and good sportsmanship from players and fans alike.

I am sure that the 1957 season will be a most successful one, and that all Americans will follow with interest and enthusiasm the schedule of "the home team".

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*



# A SALUTE TO THE FAN

He is a man of a thousand moods and sides, but with one universal quality: a deep knowledge of his game

by ROBERT CREAMER

OF ALL THE GAMES played in the world, baseball is most completely a fan's game. Other sports have spectators, but a spectator is not the same thing as a fan. A fan is a student, a critic, an appraiser of performances; he knows values and appreciates them. Now and then you'll find, say, a football fan who can discourse for hours on the intricacies of line play, or a track fan who can analyze the variations in

baton-passing in relay races. But most of the loyal followers of such sports follow them primarily for pure emotion, to glory in victory or suffer in defeat. Baseball fans glory and suffer too but, at the same time, they can appreciate the fine points of play that cause the emotional reaction.

The faces of a baseball crowd are gay, happy, ecstatic, sad, glum, disgusted. There are women in the crowd,

old men with cigars, kids with gloves. They vary tremendously from person to person, but they have a common denominator: a detailed and constantly growing knowledge of the game.

Take the lady in Clearwater, Fla., watching the Philadelphia Phillies day after day in practice, watching her favorite team develop as another lady would watch her garden grow. She's a fan. Take Casey Stengel or Branch

## SOME LAST-MINUTE NEWS FOR THE FAN

AS the 16 major league teams moved into the final week of spring training and set their course north, the Yankees, despite a puzzling—and surely temporary—ineptness at the plate, and the Indians, despite several major problems, seemed to remain the big teams of the American League. In the National, although the exhibition standings revealed those early-blooming Pirates still on top, the Braves were hot on their track. And what about the Dodgers? Well, maybe they were just resting their aging bones until winning ball games really became important.

Although every team had its last-minute problems, none loomed larger than the gaping hole at shortstop on the Philadelphia Phillies (see page 77). In an attempt to do something about it, the Phils finally quit talking and made a trade. To the Dodgers (who were looking for a reliable pinch-hitter), they sent steady old Elmer Valo, four lesser players and a bundle of cash for a 25-year-old Cuban named Chico Fernandez. Never able to make the Brooklyn lineup because of Pee Wee Reese, the slick-fielding Fernandez was almost certain to help shore up the porous Phillies.



Rickey, men of exceptional (though differing) intelligence, almost all of which is dedicated to a continuing study of the never-ending complexities that vary the basic simplicity of baseball. They're fans.

Take Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States. He would rather play golf than watch a baseball game but he's still a fan, and he proved it unconsciously last fall after watching Sal Maglie beat the New York Yankees in the first game of the World Series. He told Maglie's boss, Walter O'Malley: "Please tell Sal I thought he pitched a hell of a game."

Take the boy pictured above, watching the catcher come back for a foul fly ball. He's a fan too, and a student of the game. He, as well as the catcher, is judging the flight of the ball and its relation to the speed and position of the catcher and the location of the fence. He probably knows as much baseball right now as you do, but he's learning, too, every time he sees a pop fly or a ground ball.

And when he's middle-aged and gray and a success in the world—like United Steel Workers President David McDonald (second picture from left)—you'll find him at the ball park in a good seat with his score card handy. He'll still know what's going on. Because he's a baseball fan. END



# Decline and Fall



*All winter long I am one for whom the bell is tolling;  
I can arouse no interest in basketball, indoor fly casting or bowling;  
The sports pages are strictly no soap,  
And until the cry of Play Ball! I simply hibernate and mope.  
Not so with Tony Caesar, a big league arbiter of unimpeachable repute  
Except for one impeacher, who was a beaut.*

*Tony dreaded each new season because whenever behind third  
base at the Stadium he took his stand*

*This impeacher was on hand.  
He had a cowbell and a bull voice,  
And his vocabulary, though limited, was far from choice.  
It beat on Tony's ears like a savage drum:  
Caesar, ya big bum ya, you're nothing but a big bum!*

*Sometimes he would crummily roar, Caesar, you ain't no umpire,  
You're a bumpire!*

*Sometimes he would roar something even crummier,  
But mostly he just roared, Oh ya big bum, ya big bum ya!  
Tony was really as saintly a man as Dr. Jekyll,  
But the more his heckler continued to heckle,  
Why the more he began to feel like Mr. Hyde,*



# of a Roman Umpire

by OGDEN NASH

*Illustrations by Robert Day*



*Until one day he decided to have his heckler private-eyed,  
And when the private eye turned in his report, well,  
the next time Tony was called a bum,  
He walked over to his tormentor and mildly said, Come, come!  
I am reliably informed that you have one wife in Brooklyn,  
one in The Bronx, and a lady friend in Queens;*

*Your first conviction was for robbing a blind vendor  
of newspapers and magazines;*

*Your other offenses range from drunk and disorderly  
to pocket-picking, automobile theft and arson,  
As well as making off with the poor box  
after brutally assaulting the parson.*



*I suggest, sir, that you take heed;  
Who is calling whom a bum, yes, whom indeed?  
To which the snarled reply was, Aah, get your eye out of my thumb;*

*I'm calling you a bum, ya big bum!*

*Tony gave up and abandoned the big leagues for the Little League  
and changed his name to Tittelbaum,*



*And he is happy now because the spectators only  
call him a little bum.*



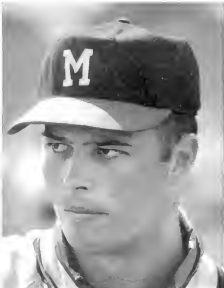
**HARVEY KUENN** trailed only Mantle, Williams in '66, must do at least as well if the Tigers are to move on up.

# STARS on the SPOT

**T**HERE is vast reward for the baseball player cast in the heroic mold. But for each of those who approaches Ruthian or Wagnerian or Johnsonian stature there is vast responsibility, too; a hero, it seems, must perform like a hero at all times. No one realizes this more clearly than the men shown here, no one realizes better than they that if their team is to win, they must produce. And no one, even among these, is more aware of this necessity than the massive man on the opposite page, Don Newcombe of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who is perhaps the best pitcher in the game. Winner of 27 games last year, he became an abject failure in his last two. Because of this, because there is now doubt—and because his team needs him so much—he joins others on the spot.



**LARRY DOBY** must supply power and runs if light-hitting White Sox expect to remain in the first division this year.



**EDDIE MATHEWS** must realize his great slugging potential this year if the Milwaukee Braves are to have a chance at that long-awaited pennant.



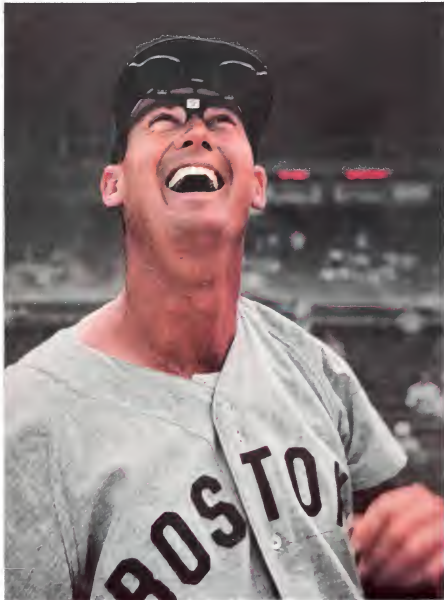




Physical problem faces huge Ted Kuszewski of Cincinnati, shown making first baseman's stretch. Last



year he was overweight and suffered pinched sciatic nerve. This year Redleg hopes ride on his condition



At 38, Ted Williams must curb temperamental tantrums to realize his full value to Red Sox

Brawny but brittle legs of Mickey Mantle could become Achilles' heel of New York Yankees





#### INDOLENCE

#### OR PERFECTION?

Don Larsen may not feel that he is really on the spot at all; one does not, after all, go around performing feats such as his on any sort of a regular schedule. But Don Larsen has always been a relaxed—perhaps far too relaxed—young man; now that he has let the greatness breakthrough, it would be a shame to see it die once again. Not another no-hitter, perhaps, but maybe 20 victories would do.

Sports Illustrated's team of baseball writers and reporters prepared this 32-page section as a handy reference for use all season long by the fan, whether he is seeing the game live or watching on TV in the privacy of his home. Keep it in a handy place from now until the last man is out.

# SCOUTING REPORTS AMERICAN and NATIONAL LEAGUES

TEAM RECORDS AND ROSTERS

THE STADIUMS

BOARDS OF STRATEGY

STRONG AND WEAK POINTS

THE NEWCOMERS

THE BIG IFs

Seven times in the past eight years the Yankees have won the pennant; in '56 they could have started to print their World Series tickets in July. Yet

Casey Stengel now comes up with a bell club he says is better than any of the others. Unless you are a Yankee fan, it looks like a long season ahead



YOGI BERRA



GIL McDOUGALD



TOM STURDIVANT



DON LARSEN

## BASIC ROSTER

no	player	position	1956 record
1	Billy Martin	2B	.264
6	Andy Carey	SS	.257
7	Mickey Mantle	CF	.353
6	Yogi Berra	C	.298
6	Hank Bauer	RF	.241
12	Gil McDougald	SS	.311
14	Bill Skowron	1B-OF	.303
16	Joe Collins	1B	.225
17	Enos Slaughter	LF	.278
32	Elston Howard	C-LF	.262
34	Tony Kubek	IF-OF minors	

16	Whitey Ford	P	19-6
16	Don Larsen	P	11-6
10	Bob Turley	P	6-4
23	Tommy Byrne	P	7-3
26	Art Ditmar	P	12-22
30	Bobby Shantz	P	2-7
47	Tom Sturdivant	P	16-8
63	Johany Kucuk	P	18-9
55	Bob Grim	P	6-1

## THE MANAGEMENT

George Weiss may be the smartest general manager in baseball; certainly he is the most successful. And whatever he hands Casey Stengel to work with, the Yankee manager molds into a pennant. Whether Casey is a genius, too, or merely gets good mileage out of great ma-

## FRONT OFFICE



George Weiss

## MANAGER



Casey Stengel

terial, isn't too important just as long as he wins pennants. Unlike Stengel, who never played in American League, his three coaches are all former Yankee stars: Bill Dickey (first), Frank Crosetti (third), Jim Turner (pitching).

## PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

year	finished	TEAM		games behind
		won	lost	
1956	1	97	57	—
1955	1	96	58	—
1954	2	103	51	8
1953	1	99	52	—
1952	1	95	59	—

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

year	batting	pitching
	runs	runs
1956	Mantle .353	Ford 19-6
1955	Mantle .307	Ford 18-7
1954	Noren .319	Grim 20-6
1953	Bauer .304	Ford 18-6
1952	Mantle .311	Reynolds 20-8



BILL SKOWRON



WHITEY FORD



MICKEY MANTLE



ART DITMAR

## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S YANKEES

## STRONG POINTS

Yankees have four: pitching, catching, infield and outfield. Of these, pitching is least impressive, but Stengel will get along with Whitey Ford, Don Larsen, Johany Kucuk, Tom Sturdivant, Art Ditmar, Bob Turley, Bobby Shantz, Bob Grim, Tommy Byrne and perhaps a youngster or two like Ralph Terry or Al Cicotte or Jim De Palo. Yogi Berra is best catcher in baseball, which he has to be to keep Elston Howard on the bench. Bill Skowron at first base hit .308 and 23 home runs, yet platoons with left-handed Joe Collins; both were pressed to beat out

Marv Throneberry, who ripped 42 home runs at Denver. No one makes the double play better than Billy Martin, yet he has to hustle to fight off slick-fielding Bobby Richardson, a 21-year-old with a .328 average in Triple-A. Versatile Gil McDougald hit .311 and in his first season at shortstop played the position as if he had been born there. Yet McDougald can't ease up either; there is a hungry young man named Tony Kubek around (.331 at Denver) who has been leading entire squad at plate this spring. If Andy Carey, despite his defensive excellence at third, fails to regain his batting eye, one of Stengel's fast shuffles could replace him with Martin or



## SPECTATOR'S GUIDE

The "Home of Champions" is located at E. 161 St. and River Ave. in The Bronx, 25 minutes from midtown Manhattan by subway (Sixth Ave. "D" or IRT Woodlawn Rd.-Jerome Ave., 156). A cab is more comfortable (via FDR Drive) but costs about \$5.50 with tip. Because of expressways, stadium can be reached by car from New Haven (2 hrs.), Trenton (1½ hrs.) and Valley Stream (45 min.). Parking facilities are adequate (\$1 and up) but fantastic traffic snarls are likely to develop near the stadium both before and after big-stadium games.

Stadium is triple-decked, seats 67,000. Ramps to upper deck are wearing, often impassable. Best seats, of course, are boxes near dugouts (such as Toots Shur's on third-base side, where Joe DiMaggio sits) but good reserved seats can be found on third deck over infield (\$2.10). Avoid seats toward rear of lower and second decks, since overhang obscures all balls hit skyward. Aisle seats are undesirable as latecomers and early leavers block view. Warning: some seats numbered in sequence (4-5-6) are actually in different rows.

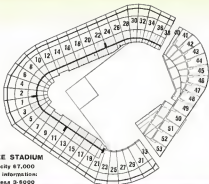
Concessions are everywhere, vendors patrol stands. Rest rooms are sufficient and usually clean. Urban dust smells, linger till tipped. Special concessions for season box holders: the Stadium Club, where drinks and dinner can be obtained before game.

## YANKEE STADIUM

Capacity 67,000

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JOHNNY KUCKS



ELSTON HOWARD



HANK BAUER



BILLY MARTIN

Richardson or one of the shining young rookies or even Skowron. And, while on the subject of the infield, one shouldn't forget Jerry Coleman, once a Yankee regular and still capable of playing 154 games for most teams in the league. Mickey Mantle, baseball's No. 1 citizen, is in center field, and little more can be said about Mantle. Hank Bauer is in right. Team is set, at least too deep, at every position except left field.

## WEAK SPOTS

Only one is position mentioned above, and although this is the one spot where the Yankees are not set, they are *five* deep there. Stengel can make his selection from list which includes Enos Slaughter, Howard, Norm Siebern and Rookies Kubek, (a very versatile young man) and Woody Held. Casey's probable solution will be to start with Kubek and try them all; considering the cast, most managers would like to have that left-field problem.

## ROOKIES AND NEW FACES

In February Yankees sent a crowd of people who couldn't make the team to Kansas City, where they were needed, and in exchange received two pitchers who might help very much indeed: Dittmar and Shantz. Dittmar lost 22 games last year, but this was for Athletics and he also won 12; with Yankees figures could easily be reversed. Shantz, Most Valuable Player award winner with his 24-7 record in '52, has not been able since to win more than five games a season because of bad arm, but this spring he's been throwing hard and without pain. Anyway, Shantz is frankly a gamble, and Yankees are not

famous for bad luck. Rookies include most of fine 1955 Denver team plus scattering from Richmond and Birmingham; those Casey can't use he can always recall in a day when—and if—they are needed.

## THE BIG IF'S

There are only two: Mantle and Berra. If something should happen to these unexpendables, Yankees might run into trouble. Mantle's legs, although always aching, have caused him to miss only 19 regular-season games in last three years, and nothing really ever happens to Berra. There has also been some question about Larsen's ability to continue pitching no-bitters, but this is academic; not Larsen nor Turley nor McDermott nor Byrne nor Grim looked too hot at times last year but someone named Kucks or Sturdivant always turns up. This year the someone could be Rookie Ralph Terry.

## OUTLOOK

The Yankees can run, field, hit, throw. They have depth and good pitching and a wise old manager who refuses to subvert his blessings. Instead of waiting for the rest of the league to catch up, they have improved too, probably more than Indians, White Sox or Red Sox and at least as much as Tigers, who must make up 15 games to get close. "You should clinch the pennant by Mother's Day," it was suggested to Stengel. Casey shook his head. It was evident he had a much later date in mind—something around the Fourth of July.

The Indians have been in a second-place rut for five of the past six years. Although most major league cities would happily settle for much less,

in Cleveland the frustration of always being the runner-up has come to a head. A new manager has been added, but once again it looks like second best



DON MOSSI



EARLY WYNN



HERB SCORE



RAY NARLESKI

## BASIC ROSTER

no.	player	position	1956 record
1	Bobby Avila	2B	.324
3	George Strickland	1F	.311
4	Jim Hegan	C	.322
14	Gene Woodling	OF	.362
16	Al Smith	LF-3B	.274
17	Chico Carrasquel	SS	.243
18	Hal Naragon	C	.287
23	Vic Wertz	1B	.264
26	Preston Ward	1B	.253
31	Jim Busby	CF	.235
34	Dave Pope	OF	.225
38	Rocco Colavito	RF	.276
11	Art Houtteman	P	2-2
12	Don Mossi	P	6-5
30	Ray Narleski	P	3-2
31	Bob Lemon	P	20-14
22	Cal McLish	P	2-4
24	Early Wynn	P	20-9
25	Mike Garcia	P	11-12
27	Herb Score	P	20-9

## THE MANAGEMENT

Hall of Famer Hank Greenberg has found the transition from player to front-office executive rocky. Rookie Manager Kerby Farrell started in organized ball 25 years ago, began managing 16 years ago, has been directing Indian farm teams for the past 10. A

## FRONT OFFICE



Hank Greenberg

## MANAGER



Kerby Farrell

worrier who can't stay in one place long, Farrell is excellent handler of young ball-players. A subdued Eddie Stanky will coach third, white-haired Red Kress first and former Indian Pitching Star Mel Harder will handle the pitchers.

## PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

year	TEAM			games behind
	finished	won	lost	
1955	2	85	55	9
1955	2	93	51	3
1954	1	111	43	
1953	2	92	52	8½
1952	2	93	61	2

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

year	batting		pitching	
	player	record	player	record
1956	Smith	.274	Score	20-9
1955	Smith	.305	Wynn	20-9
1954	Avila	.341	Lemon	23-7
1953	Rosen	.335	Lemon	21-15
1952	Mitchell	.323	Wynn	23-12
year	home runs		runs batted in	
	player	total	player	total
1956	Wertz	32	Wertz	106
1955	Doby	26	Rosen	81
1954	Doby	32	Doby	126
1953	Rosen	43	Rosen	145
1952	Rosen	28	Rosen	105



BOB LEMON



JIM BUSBY



BOBBY AVILA



JIM HEGAN

## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S INDIANS

## STRONG POINTS

Pitching, pitching and more pitching. Indian staff has been best in baseball since end of war (led league in earned run averages six times and accounted for nearly half the 20-game winners). When Bob Feller slipped slowly from the heights, burly Mike Garcia came along to take his place. Two years ago Garcia lost his effectiveness and the brilliant left-hander Herb Score moved right in to pick up the slack. In the meantime, 36-year-old Bob Lemon and 37-year-old Early Wynn—nucleus of staff—keep rolling along as if they were ageless. If Garcia, at 33,

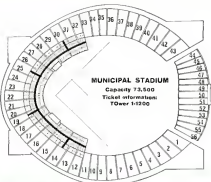
can come back strong, pitching this year will be even more overpowering. The two relief specialists, right-hander Ray Narleski and left-hander Don Mossi, had less work to do last season, but that's understandable when you have three 20-game winners on the staff. They still are best one-two bullpen punch in league. At first base, bald-headed Vic Wertz gives team most of its power, and in Outfielder Al Smith, Indians have one of best all-round players in game. Jim Hegan, despite his .36 years and low batting average, remains one of outstanding receivers in league. A coach as well as player, part of pitching success is undoubtedly due to his presence.

## SPECTATOR'S GUIDE

Largest stadium in baseball. Located on downtown Lake Street, a little over a quarter of a mile from the major of town. Continuous shuttle bus service before games from Public Square (15¢ fare). No buses after day games because pedestrians in streets kept them from moving. But there are round-trip express buses from 14 outlying points at night (60¢). Easy to walk to. Parking lots hold 6,000 cars (15¢ weekdays, 75¢ Sundays and holidays). Take Lake Shore Dr. to West Third St. if you're driving. Figure half to three-quarters of an hour to get away by car after game. With 55 exits, stadium can be cleared in 25 minutes.

City employees keep stands clean, with seats frequently dusted. Little waiting at the 46 rest rooms and 14 concession stands, even on capacity days. All are easily accessible from any spot in the stadium. Try the 65¢ pizza pie introduced last year. It's fresh and well paid, and doesn't require tips. Watch out for beer-savvy excursion busters in the stands or you're liable to get a shower before the game is over.

Best place to see the game is behind home plate and along first- and third-base lines in both upper and lower decks. Ranges to upper deck are very steep and it's a long climb for most people. If you sit in the corner-field bleachers, bring along a pair of binoculars. You'll be a long way from home plate.



AL SMITH



VIC WERTZ



CIRIACO CARRASQUEL



ROGELIO COLAVITO

## WEAK SPOTS

Hitting is weak, defense porous, speed lacking. Last year team tied with Orioles as worst-hitting club in league. Only Wertz knocked in more than 100 runs, and he was just a .264 batter. Second Baseman Bobby Avila's average plummeted 117 points from league-leading figure of three seasons ago. In center field, Jim Busby slumped 77 points in four years to anemic .235. Catcher Jim Hegan is consistent .229 hitter. Shortstop Chico Carrasquel averaged only .260 for past three seasons. With figures like these, team can't afford to play .211 infielder George Strickland, the man who could tighten up inner defense. Carrasquel could have been one of great shortstops but never set his mind to it. At second, Avila, never a great fielder, has slowed up, and Wertz is still a converted outfielder playing first. Third base is in a state of flux with Al Rosen gone from the scene.

## ROOKIES AND NEW FACES

Indians desperately need new faces who can run, throw and hit. They may have them in seven graduates of 1956 American Association pennant winners, Indianapolis. Best of crew is Roger Maris, a strong-armed, speedy outfielder who hits with power. Sore arm has hampered Larry Raines, a polished infielder and an outstanding base runner. Catcher Russ Nixon is rangy 22-year-old who never hit below .319 in the minors. Billy Harrell hit .421 in 19 at-bats in his one look at major league pitching two years ago and has been thrown into third-base derby. Three outstanding prospects, Hank Aguirre, Bud Daley and Stan Fitula have been waiting patiently in minors

for room to appear in Indians' pitching staff. This year one or more of them might make it.

## THE BIG IF'S

Despite Avila's tailspin, his lifetime average is still a healthy .289. At 30, it's not unreasonable to expect him to reverse his downward trend this year. If Smith could get back over .300 where he belongs, and Strickland hits as he has been this spring, team's batting attack will be back up where it should be. Carrasquel has shown in brief flashes of brilliance that he could play shortstop as well as anyone in the league. A Carrasquel going at full speed and the ability of some of the flashy fielding rookies to hit major league pitching would tighten up the defense. If Garcia comes back strong and some of the rookie pitchers develop into major league winners, the team will be ready to challenge anybody.

## OUTLOOK

As long as the old pitchers, Bob Lemon and Early Wynn, and the young one, Herb Score, stay healthy, the Indians will have a strong first-division team. Even with a miserable .244 team batting average and a lead-footed attack last year, the club was the best in the league outside of Yankees. This year it is hoped that a new manager, who will insist that the team keeps hustling, some new faces and more stress on fundamentals will bring the rest of the team somewhere near the level of the pitching. But a lot of big ifs would have to be resolved to win the pennant.

For five straight years the Sox have finished third. Now they have a new manager and some promising rookies but all else is the same: with one hand they

must claw their way up toward the Yankees and Indians, with the other hold off the Tigers and Red Sox from below. That's asking too much of two hands



RON NORTHEY



BILLY PIERCE



CHARLES CONERLY



JIM RIVERA

## BASIC ROSTER

no.	player	position	1955 record
1	Jim Landis	OF	minors
2	Nelson Fox	3B	.296
3	Fred Hatfield	3B	.261
4	Bubba Phillips	3B	.273
5	Dave Philley	OF	.247
7	Jim Rivera	OF	.255
8	Walt Dropo	1B	.266
9	Minnie Minoso	OF	.316
10	Sherm Lollar	C	.293
11	Luis Aparicio	SS	.266
12	Les Moss	C	.244
14	Larry Doby	CF	.268
32	Ron Northey	OF	.354
48	Sam Esposito	3B	.328

16	Bob Kegan	P	5-7
16	Billy Pierce	P	20-9
21	Cerry Staley	P	8-3
32	Dick Donovan	P	12-10
37	Ellis Kinder	P	5-1
29	Jack Harshman	P	15-11

## THE MANAGEMENT

Handsome young Charles A. (Chuck) Conerly II, who shares executive office of vice-president with brother-in-law John Highty, was quick to name Al Lopez as manager to succeed Marty Marion last fall. Lopez, never below second in nine seasons at Indianapolis and

## FRONT OFFICE



Charles Conerly

## MANAGER



Al Lopez

Cleveland, is quiet, easygoing, frankly expects to miss that Cleveland pitching but still likes White Sox speed. His coaches are Ray Berres and Don Gutierrez, holdovers from '54 White Sox staff, John Cooney and Tony Cuccinello.

## PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

year	TEAM				games behind
	finished	won	lost	per cent	
1956	3	86	69	.556	12
1955	3	91	63	.591	5
1954	3	94	60	.610	17
1953	3	89	66	.571	11 1/2
1952	3	81	73	.522	14

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

year	batting		pitching	
	player	avg.	player	record
1956	Minoso	.316	Pierce	20-9
1955	Kell	.312	Pierce	15-10
1954	Minoso	.320	Trucks	20-10
1953	Minoso	.313	Pierce	18-12
1952	Fox	.296	Pierce	14-12



LARRY DOBY



LUIS APARICIO



DICK DONOVAN



SHERMAN LOLLAR

## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S WHITE SOX

## STRONG POINTS

This is a team built around theory that a good defense is best offense; it is superbly equipped to make a few runs go a long way. Pitching is good, with left-hander Billy Pierce (20-9) certainly one of the best in the business. Jack Harshman (15-11) is not far behind. Dick Donovan is better than last year's 12-10 record shows and Jim Wilson can probably be counted on for another 15. Adequate relievers are ancient Ellis Kinder, Paul LaPalme and Dixie Howell. Outfield is surpassed by none: Minnie Minoso hit .316 in left, Larry Doby, despite injuries and

a miserable start, drove in 102 runs, and Jim Rivera can beat you half a dozen ways with his speed and great arm and determination at the plate. If they need any help, it could be present in person of one of this year's most sensational spring training discoveries, a rookie named Jim Landis who has good power, speed and a major league arm. Presence of Landis also enables Lopez to experiment with Minoso at third base if this becomes necessary. Catching rests in steady hands of Sherman Lollar, long a master receiver and last year a better hitter (.293) than ever before. There aren't many fancier second base combinations than little Nellie Fox (who can also

## SPECTATOR'S GUIDE

This perfectly symmetrical playing field is surrounded, except in dead center, by double-tiered stands. Many feel that best place to sit is upper deck, anywhere between first and third. Bleachers and right field stands are for sun lovers.

Driving to park can be a real challenge. Streets jam up badly and parking lots are inadequate, our handle only about 3,000 cars. Season-ticket holders, however, are allowed to pay \$50 annually for special reserved place in Comiskey's own adjoining parking lot. From the Loop it's best to take a cab (15 minutes, about \$3), or Clark St. car (25¢) direct to park, or southbound El (from State St., 26¢) which leaves you four blocks east of home plate.

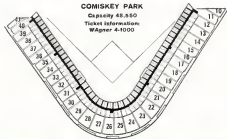
Andy Fran taverns are, as always, efficient and efficient: there is no tipping. Plenty of accessible refreshment stands. Spécialité de la maison: tasty kosher red hot. There are only about a dozen rest rooms, not, sad to say, in the best possible shape. There are also other discomforts: sides and ramps are narrow, ascending stairs. Kindled by an abundance of beer, hot tempers often erupt, so brawls are frequent. Caution: check tickets for location before buying. There are "box seats" in the outfield and in the deep recesses of upper deck. Another warning: park is only 15 blocks from stockyards, which seem much closer when wind is from west.

### COMISKEY PARK

Capacity 45,950

Ticket information:

Wagner 4-1000



JACK HARSHMAN



JIM WILSON



NELSON FOX



WALT DROPO

point to a .294 lifetime average) at second and the 1956 Rookie of the Year, swift Luis Aparicio, at short. Defensively the ball club is very tight and, on the bases, they still like to run.

### WEAK SPOTS

Most serious need of White Sox exists at corners of infield. Big Walt Dropo hit only .266 and eight home runs last year, yet still manages to hold on to first base against competition of towering Ron Jackson, who spent part of '56 in minors, and two others who spent entire year down there—Norm Larker and Jim Marshall. Larker's spring play has probably earned him No. 2 spot. At third, Sox have about given up on weak-hitting Sammy Esposito, except in emergencies, hope to move solid Bubba Phillips, an outfielder, to the position along with his .273 batting average. So far, the tests have looked pretty good. But with starting lineup more or less set, there just aren't any reserves except pinch-hitters Ron Northey and Dave Philley, and Les Moss to help Lollar with catching. Club also badly in need of power, since only outfield can hit the long ball. Experienced pitching, behind first four, includes only Bob Keegan, who Sox are still hoping will make that big comeback, and 36-year-old Gerry Staley.

### ROOKIES AND NEW FACES

Sox made no trades, so only new faces belong to rookies. Although there aren't many of these, fortunately four may turn out to furnish considerable help. Landis, of course, is one. Another is Earl Battley, a husky catcher who has been a pleasant surprise with his hitting this

spring. Jim Derrington is a 17-year-old whiz of a bonus pitcher that team has to keep on its roster anyway but might be tempted to retain even without the rule. Roger Howard, just out of service, is an ex-Michigan State bonus boy who has major league pitcher written all over him.

### THE BIG IF'S

Main question concerns health; if White Sox regulars stay sound and can keep from tiring under rigors of full season's play, club will be all right. Much depends upon Doby having another of his really big years. Then, if Donovan (15-9 in '55) and Keegan (16-9 in '54) can match or even exceed their previous best seasons, and Dropo just for once hits up to his potential, all would be very well indeed. But it is well to remember that over-all age of White Sox regulars is greatest in American League and most can be expected to become worse rather than better.

### OUTLOOK

Ever since Paul Richards brought the White Sox into contention back in 1962, they have been hoping to catch the Yankees. But while New York forges on ahead, getting better year by year, Chicago only stands still and its players grow old. Now it is almost certainly too late and team must turn instead to a battle with pitcher-rich Cleveland, manpower-deep Boston and the growing young Tigers even to remain in the first division. With little power and inadequate reserves, even this could turn out to be too much of a job.

The Boston Red Sox are New England's pride and despair. Annually hope rises that this year the Sox will finally unseat those top-dog New York Yankees,

and annually there is frustration. But, even so, hope rides high again on such as Ted Williams, Jim Piersall, Tom Brewer and a dozen bright young men



SAMMY WHITE



MIKEY VERNON



JIMMY PIERSALL



TED LEPCIO

### BASIC ROSTER

no.	player	position	1956 record
3	Norm Zauchin	1B	.214
4	Jackie Jensen	RF	.315
6	Mickey Vernon	1B	.310
7	Billy Conello	1F	.182
8	Pete Daley	C	.267
9	Ted Williams	LF	.345
10	Billy Goodman	2B	.293
12	Ted Lepcio	1F	.261
22	Sammy White	C	.245
26	Dick Gernert	OF-1F	.291
28	Billy Klaus	SS	.271
37	Jimmy Piersall	CF	.293
38	Gene Stephens	OF	.270
14	Ike Delock	P	13-7
15	Willard Nixon	P	9-8
17	Mel Parnell	P	7-6
20	Frank Sullivan	P	14-7
30	Bob Porterfield	P	3-12
23	Tom Brewer	P	19-9
36	Dave Sisler	P	9-8

### THE MANAGEMENT

Hall of Fame Shortstop Joe Cronin runs Millionaire Owner Tom Yawkey's club, takes criticism of impatient Boston fans quietly and without complaint. Manager Mike Higgins, a big, quiet Texan who once played a mighty fine third base for Red Sox, also shrugs off critical

#### FRONT OFFICE



Joe Cronin

#### MANAGER



Mike Higgins

barbs, handles his sometimes irritating team with an almost saintly patience. Dave Ferriss is one of best pitching coaches in game. Veteran Del Baker coaches first, Jack Burns third. Paul Schreiber is batting practice pitcher.

### PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

TEAM				
year	finished	won	lost	games behind
1956	4	84	70	13
1955	4	84	70	12
1954	4	69	85	42
1953	4	84	69	16
1952	6	76	78	19

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

batting		pitching	
1956	Williams .345	Brewer 19-9	
1955	Williams .336	Sullivan 18-13	
1954	Williams .345	Sullivan 15-12	
1953	Goodman .313	Parnell 21-8	
1952	Goodman .366	McDrott 14-9	
home runs		runs batted in	
1956	Williams 24	Jensen 97	
1955	Williams 28	Jensen 116	
1954	Williams 29	Jensen 117	
1953	Gernert 21	Gernert 71	
1952	Gernert 19	Gernert 67	



TOM BREWER



IKE DELOCK



TED WILLIAMS



BILLY GOODMAN

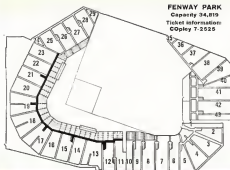
## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S RED SOX

### STRONG POINTS

Most valuable player on Red Sox is Ted Williams, though some critics (see page 161) insist that the slow, weak-fielding, individualistic Williams is a drawback to Sox chances of success. Williams is still a magnificent hitter, and his presence in batting order for even half a season is definite plus factor for Red Sox. Jimmy Piersall and Jackie Jensen, regulars, and Substitutes Gene Stephens, Faye Throneberry and possibly Rookie Marty Keough round out one of best outfields in baseball. Piersall's marvelous fielding is something to see: he is The Pitcher's

Friend. The three outfield subs are indicative of Boston's remarkable depth in reserves. Red Sox catching, which had been deteriorating along with Sammy White's batting average, was strengthened last year by the maturing Pete Daley and will be strengthened further this season by presence of Haywood Sullivan, 6-foot 4-inch rookie. Tom Brewer (19-9) and Frank Sullivan (14-7) are two topflight starting pitchers, and Ike Delock (13-7) is a tower of strength in relief. All things considered, however, a big, hard-working Pennsylvania Dutchman named Dick Gernert, who hit .291 as part-time player last year, could turn out to be big man for the Sox this

**FENWAY PARK**  
Capacity 34,819  
Ticket information  
COPLEY 7-2525



#### SPECTATOR'S GUIDE

Oddly shaped but most attractive, this is great park in which to view game. It is hard to find really bad seat in the rambling one-level stands. Sun bleachers in center and right field, but in "wet-cold" Boston this can often be comforting. To discover why Ted Williams sits at the fans, sit in section along the left-field line and listen to the most pungent comments. Special "skyline" boxes wing out from either side of rooftop press box.

Ushers are plentiful, courteous and helpful, and may not accept tips. The 18 refreshment stands are easily accessible from most seats for a quick snack. Frankfurters and beer are staples, plus "tonic" (New England talk for soda pop). Some local fans complain about special out-of-town or out-of-state parties who, proper Bostonians say, tend to overenjoy themselves to the discomfort of others.

Subway from nearby Kenmore Square station connects with all parts of Greater Boston, as well as to all New England via railroad, bus or airplane. It's easy to drive to Fenway area and there's supposed to be parking space for 8,500 cars in vicinity, but don't rely on it; parking ramps from \$24 to \$1. Leaving park area after game can be difficult. Taxis are comparatively few, and if it is day game, downtown working crowd heading for home invariably clogs way.



JACKIE JENSEN



FRANK SULLIVAN



DICK GERNERT



BILLY KLAUS

season, whether he plays at first base, at third base or as an alternate for Williams in left field.

#### WEAK SPOTS

Pitching is limited. There is no real left-handed strength; starters behind Brewer and Sullivan are either erratic or inexperienced; and Delock is almost alone in bullpen. Real danger spot (and possible reason for shaky pitching) is the infield, which has been nagging pain in Boston's back since decline of Johnny Pesky and Vern Stephens and retirement of superb Bobby Doerr. Sox have had different men at shortstop for seven consecutive opening days (Stephens, 1950; Boudreau, 1951; Piersall, 1952; Bolling, 1953; Lepcio, 1954; Joost, 1955; Buddin, 1956), and it is all but certain there'll be eighth (Billy Klaus or the 22-year-old bonus baby, Billy Consolo) this year now that Dou Buddin is in service. Klaus, who sparked 1955 team in their thrilling midseason drive up through the standings, was shifted to third base last year. Despite mess at short, infield is weakest at second, most often in recent years the property of versatile Billy Goodman, a skilled if not powerful hitter but inadequate fielder for so vital a position.

#### ROOKIES AND NEW FACES

Haywood Sullivan, the big catcher, was one of best-looking rookies in Florida. Brooklyn-born Ken Aspromonte came along last in training to give Klaus and Consolo a battle for the open shortstop post, lost out by narrow margin, could be recalled if he is needed. Peppery, hustling Gene Mauch, 31-year-old "rookie," first

appeared in majors in 1944 and has had chances with five different National League clubs. Despite brilliant minor league performances, Mauch has never quite made it, but hopes for solving Boston's gnawing second-base problem rest largely on his shoulders.

#### THE BIG IF'S

Shortstop and second base, the secondary pitching, and Ted Williams' general state of health are all question marks. If Mauch can give Boston skilled performance at second, and Billy Klaus or Billy Consolo can do same at short, all they'll have to do is hit just a little better than their weight to give Sox big lift, for tight fielding around the middle of the infield could cause considerable improvement in performances of second-line pitchers. As for Williams, a repeat of last year's performance would be most satisfactory.

#### OUTLOOK

Because Red Sox, led by Williams and Jensen, always score enough runs, anticipated improvement in their defense (and consequent decline in opponents' runs) should turn Boston into solid contender this year. This is best-balanced team in league after Yankees, with good bench and crew of potentially great young players who have been itching for a chance to get into the ball game. Let one sparkplug—like, say, Gene Mauch—set them off and they may suddenly explode into genius and become the team New England prays for.

This is the team they said last winter might shake up the Yankees—but that was last winter and now no one is quite so sure. The Tigers are good, only

there aren't enough of them; where Casay Stengel experiments to find out which player is best, Jack Tighe must experiment to find a player good enough



FRANK BOLLING



PAUL FOYTACK



CHARLEY MAXWELL



HARVEY KUENN

## BASIC ROSTER

no.	player	position	1955 record
2	Frank House	C	.240
3	Bob Kennedy	OF	.221
4	Charley Maxwell	LF	.306
5	Jim Finigan	3B	.216
6	Al Kaline	RF	.314
7	Harvey Kuenn	SS	.332
8	Ray Boone	1B-3B	.308
9	Earl Torgeson	1B	.364
10	Red Wilson	C	.289
11	Eddie Robinson	1B	.204
12	Bill Tuttle	CF	.293
13	Reno Bertoia	IF	minors
14	Jim Small	OF	.319
24	Frank Bolling	2B	.281

14	Jim Bunning	P	5-1
17	Frank Lary	P	21-13
18	Steve Gromek	P	8-6
21	Paul Foytack	P	15-13
22	Al Aber	P	4-4
44	Billy Hoelt	P	20-14

## THE MANAGEMENT

Walter O. (Spike) Briggs Jr. became president of Tigers after death of his father in 1932, has stayed on to run ball club as general manager for new owners. New manager, Jack Tighe, is a bald-headed vegetarian who came up from coaching ranks to succeed Backy

## FRONT OFFICE



Spike O. Briggs

## MANAGER



Jack Tighe

Harris, a veteran of 29 years in baseball, 16 of these with Detroit organization, he has reputation both as a hard worker and as an excellent handler of pitchers. Tighe's coaches are Willis Hudlin, Billy Hitchcock and Don Lund.

## PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

TEAM				
year	finished	won	lost	games behind
1956	5	82	72	15
1955	5	79	75	17
1954	5	68	86	43
1953	6	60	94	40½
1952	8	50	104	45

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

	batting		pitching
1956	Kuenn .332	Lary	21-13
1955	Kaline .340	Hoelt	16-7
1954	Kuenn .396	Gromek	18-16
1953	Kuenn .308	Garver	11-11
1952	Groth .284	Gray	12-17

## HOME RUNS

1956	Maxwell 28	Kaline 128
1955	Kaline 27	Boone 116
1954	Boone 20	Boone 85
1953	Nieman 15	Nieman 69
1952	Drops 29	Drops 97



BILLY HOELT



FRANK LARY



BILL TUTTLE



RENO WILSON

## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S TIGERS

## STRONG POINTS

Give a team three pitchers capable of winning 20 games apiece and it will be tough. The Tigers have them in Frank Lary, Billy Hoelt and Paul Foytack. Bless this same team with four .300 hitters and they will be very tough indeed. Tigers have these, too: Al Kaline, Harvey Kuenn, Ray Boone and Charley Maxwell. Mix in a few youngsters like Frank Bolling and Jim Bunning, who have already given indication of big league stardom, and nobody is going to push them around—not even the Yankees. Lary won more games (21) than any pitcher in

the league last year and had 3.15 ERA; he also beat Yankees five times. Hoelt won 20 games and Foytack, virtually unknown until midseason, finished with 15. Bunning came up from Charleston late in the year, won five games and lost only one. If Tighe's starters get in trouble, there are two good relievers, Al Aber and Steve Gromek, to help out. Kaline, who won league batting championship at age of 29, started last year with a sore shoulder and had bad season for him: .314, 27 home runs and 128 runs batted in. He is also superb outfielder with speed and great arm. Kuenn, who has never hit under .300, is apparently getting better all the time; Boone, hard at work making

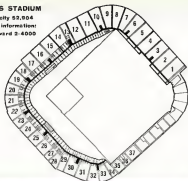


## BRIGGS STADIUM

Capacity 52,004

Ticket information:

Woodward 2-4000



## SPECTATOR'S GUIDE

Owners claim Briggs Stadium is best park in baseball; contented Detroit fans admit it probably is. Over \$300,000 is spent annually for upkeep. There is no really bad seat among the 52,004. Sun areas are bleachers and both upper and lower decks along right field line. Entire park, including 40 tiled-lined rest rooms, is kept immaculate by full-time summer staff of 45 men. No advertising disturbs dark-green walls, and lighting system is above average. Ushers are average in courtesy, will accept tips but exert no pressure.

Park is located two blocks east of John Lodge Expressway, just a few minutes from downtown hotel area. It can be reached easily by bus, cab or, if one feels energetic, by foot (13 minutes), but in this city of automobiles almost everyone drives. Neighboring expressways carry traffic easily, stadium can be cleared in 20 minutes with help of a small army of Detroit police. Parking is adequate, costs 50¢ for day games, 25¢ at night.

Concession stands are plentiful, and quality of refreshments is good. Big seller and most unusual item is frozen custard, 15¢. Special services include free admission to servicemen and their wives, 50-passenger freight elevator to second deck (Gate 14) and permanently upholstered box seats by special order for the fan who has everything else.



RAY BOONE



JIM FINIGAN



EDDIE ROBINSON



AL KALINE

switch from third base to first, doesn't expect it to affect his hitting; and Maxwell has made good in Detroit after years of mediocrity in Boston. Bolling performed beautifully at second and hit .281 despite late start after leaving service. With Red Wilson backed up by Frank House, Tiger catching is solid, if unspectacular.

### WEAK SPOTS

If Tigers point with pride to Bolling's defensive skills at second base, they can be excused; it is about the only position in the infield over which to be proud. Kuenn is called best shortstop in big leagues, but he has earned his eminence with bat, not glove. Boone's lack of mobility may show up less at first than it did at third, but the man who replaces him—Jim Finigan—is no Pie Traynor either. Not only that, but Finigan must raise his batting average well over last year's puny .216 to even win the job. If he cannot, then Boone will return to third, and Tighe will have to use either 36-year-old Eddie Robinson or 33-year-old Earl Torgerson at first.

### ROOKIES AND NEW FACES

No one expected Don Lee to stay with the club this year; an All-America college pitcher last spring and son of Thornton Lee, the old White Sox star, he was supposed to need another year to get ready. Yet young Donald has looked so good with his overpowering fast ball and great poise that Tighe may keep him. He could be that vital extra starter. Most other Tiger youngsters don't really qualify as rookies, since they spent at least part of 1956 with parent club. They are Jim Small, 19-year-old bonus

outfielder who hit .319 in 58 games; Duke Maas, who looks much more promising than his 0-7 record would indicate; Third Baseman Reno Berton; left-handed Pitcher Hal Woodeshick; and Bunning. Finigan, of course, is the No. 1 trade acquisition; he came to team from Kansas City, along with Robinson and veteran Pitcher Jack Crimian.

### THE BIG IFs

Biggest question mark is Finigan: Is he a .300 hitter as he demonstrated in 1954, or something quite a bit less as later statistics indicate? Bill Tuttle can be big asset to ball club in center field if he regains 1955 fire and batting figure after an overweight and uninspired season in '56. Three starting pitchers, even three as good as Lary, Hoelt, and Foytack, just aren't enough; Bunning or Maas or Lee or someone has to come through, too, to keep Tigers in contention.

### OUTLOOK

This is a ball club built around a handful of young athletes who can match even the Yankees in individual brilliance—and they proved it in the last half of the '56 season by winning even more games than New York. Still, the Tigers must win an additional 15 games just to equal Yankee total of last year and, although their reserve strength is greater now, they are by no means deep enough. The new owners will be perfectly satisfied if Tighe can get his Tigers off to a much faster start than last year and move them up to second place.

The Baltimore Orioles have improved steadily in their three seasons in the American League. There has been a continuous flow of bachelors, coming

and going, as Manager Paul Richards has tried to field a winning club. This year the team has a more permanent look, but there is still a lot to be done.



AL PILARCIK



DICK WILLIAMS



GEORGE ZUVERINK



BOB NIEMAN

## BASIC ROSTER

no.	player	position	1955 record
1	Bob Boyd	1B	.511
2	Al Pilarcik	OF	.251
3	George Kell	3B	.271
4	Bob Nieman	OF	.320
7	Willy Miranda	SS	.217
9	Billy Gardner	2B	.231
11	Gus Triandos	C	.279
22	Joe Ginzberg	C	.224
23	Dick Williams	OF	.285
34	Brooks Robinson	3B	minors
40	Jim Bridewee	SS	.215
44	Tito Francona	OF-1B	.238
17	Bill Wight	P	9-12
18	Billy Loes	P	3-7
27	Charlie Beamon	P	minors
28	Hector Brown	P	9-7
29	Ray Moore	P	12-7
36	George Zuverink	P	7-6
38	Connie Johnson	P	9-11
39	Don Ferrarese	P	4-10

## THE MANAGEMENT

Executive Vice-President William Walsingham, veteran National League executive, was brought in this year to direct and coordinate front office functions. General Manager-Field Manager Paul Richards will still operate in his dual role but will be relieved of a lot of

## FRONT OFFICE



Wm. Walsingham

## MANAGER



Paul Richards

paper work. Lean and tense, Richards is considered one of the keenest practitioners of baseball strategy. Coaches Al Vincent (first) and Luman Harris (third) handle the bases, while Harry (The Cat) Brecheen directs the Oriole pitchers.

## PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

TEAM				
year	finished	won	lost	games behind
1956	6	69	85	28
1955	7	57	97	39
1954	7	54	100	57
1953	8	54	100	44½
1952	7	64	90	31

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

batting		pitching	
1956	Nieman .320	Moore 12-7	
1955	Phillie .289	Wilson 12-18	
1954	Abrams .283	Turley 14-15	
1953	Wertz .268	Larsen 7-12	
1952	Nieman .289	Cain 12-10	
home runs		runs batted in	
1956	Triandos 21	Triandos 88	
1955	Triandos 12	Triandos 65	
1954	Stephens 8	Stephens 46	
1953	Wertz 19	Wertz 79	
1952	Nieman 18	Nieman 74	



RAY MOORE



GEORGE KELL



WILLY MIRANDA



BILLY GARDNER

## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S ORIOLES

## STRONG POINTS

Biggest thing going for Orioles is Manager Paul Richards' uncanny knack for getting maximum mileage out of a team comprised mostly of major league castoffs. Under tutoring of Richards and Pitching Coach Harry Brecheen, pitching staff, in some respects a weak spot, could be strong factor in whatever success Orioles achieve this season. These two have been tireless in their efforts to help certain pitchers correct flaws in delivery and perfect new pitches. In George Zuverink, Orioles have one of the better relief pitchers in the league and over a portion of last

summer he was best in baseball. Gus Triandos is perhaps second best hitting catcher in league and source of most of the team's power. Bob Nieman, Al Pilarcik and Dick Williams give Orioles strong outfield, offensively and defensively. And a healthy George Kell is strong point for any team because of his poise and sheer class.

## WEAK SPOTS

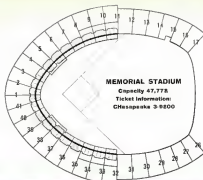
Team, as a whole, is woefully weak in hitting. (Worst in the American League in 1956 batting, runs scored, hits and total bases.) Good power hitter is desperately needed

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Looks more like football bowl than ball park. Outfield walls are devoid of advertising. Rest rooms are clean and there is waiting only on capacity days. Fans must go to refreshment counters for beer, since city law prohibits sale in stands. Since the round trip convales about a half inning, a hungry Baltimore fan sometimes has difficult decision to make. Pizzas and crab cakes are specialties.

No. 3 bus takes you from downtown to the ball park—located in an attractive north Baltimore residential section—in 20 minutes for 25¢. Figure on 10 to 15 minutes by car. Parking costs 25¢ on private lots surrounding stadium and is free (except for 25¢ "tip" to "parker") on city lot across the street. Overall, there is room for 5,500 cars. Beat the usual last-minute Baltimore rush by arriving at least 15 minutes early. It takes about 20 minutes to get out of area by car.

Favorite spot to sit is upper deck with its added five-mile view of Baltimore, if you don't mind long climb and long-range view of diamond. Deem warmly for early-spring and late-season games though, because it gets cool up there. For sun, sit on east side of stadium. If you want comfort, the only seats with backs are in lower deck from home plate to both foul lines. Watch out for thick, round poles blocking your view above 25th row in lower stands.



TITO FRANCONA



BOB BOYD



GUS TRIANDOS



DON FERRARESE

to team up with Gus Triandos. Bench has been improved but there are still too many good glove men who can't hit and bonus babies who have yet to show they belong in majors. A team trying to better itself in the league can not afford to carry a .217 hitting shortstop (Willy Miranda) next to a .231 hitting second baseman (Billy Gardner), no matter how well they field. Despite Richards' admitted genius in handling pitchers, staff still lacks standouts who can go the distance (only 38 complete games pitched last year). It will be same staff—unless one of the rookies comes through—that had only one pitcher (Connie Johnson) with a lower ERA than 4.00. The Orioles would also like to come up with a good hitting catcher to spell Triandos behind plate.

### ROOKIES AND NEW FACES

An early dividend from the Orioles' growing farm system could be Third Baseman Brooks Robinson. Originally brought up to spell Kell at third, he may force that veteran to move to first. A finished fielder after only two years in the minors, Robinson has been hitting consistently all through spring training. Another product of farm system, Charlie Beamon, could add some needed youth to pitching staff. Throwing good sinker, slider and fast ball, Beamon made dramatic entry into league late last September when he shut out the Yankees 1-0 and spoiled Whitey Ford's chances to win 20 games. Al Pilarcik, obtained in trade with Kansas City, will probably start in right field. A good fielder with strong arm, Pilarcik will add punch to powerless lineup. Smooth-fielding Jim Bredeweser, purchased from Detroit this spring, adds depth to infield but no extra batting strength. The original

bonus baby of Orioles, Bill O'Dell, returns after two years in service to prove that \$40,000 he received for signing was no mistake. He has looked impressive on mound this spring. Other rookies with good chance of sticking are Outfielder Carl Povich and Catcher Tommy Patton.

### THE BIG IF'S

A strong, season-long performance by aging but still stylish George Kell is vital to Orioles if they are to retain grip on sixth place and, possibly, move closer to log jam of clubs between them and Yankees. If Kell proves sound, if young Brooks Robinson can hit major league pitching, if Pitcher Don Ferrarese learns control and Charlie Beamon's bright promise is fulfilled, if First Baseman Bob Boyd's arm troubles are over and Pilarcik hits up to expectations, team will have as cheerful a season as it's possible for an improving second-division club to have.

### OUTLOOK

As Orioles stand now, they are not yet ready to move into the pack fighting for four spots below Yankees—unless one of those four suffers an unexpected relapse. Club's main concern is to continue developing fresh talent for future without dropping in standings. Farm system has already begun to produce (Robinson, Beamon, Tito Francona), and other classy youngsters (Ron Hansen, Gary Walker, Lennie Green) are only a year or two away. Richards is thus in position of having improved team without much chance of finishing higher.

The Senators finished seventh a year ago which, on the record, may have been an even greater miracle than the pennant triumphs of the 1914 Braves and

the 1951 Giants. They had the worst fielding in the league and by far the worst pitching. Only a couple of big sluggers saved them from the bottom



EDDIE YOST



CLINT COURTNEY



CAMILO PASCUAL



CHUCK STOBBS

## BASIC ROSTER

no.	player	position	1958 record
1	Eddie Yost	3B	.231
2	Roy Sievers	1F	.253
3	Karl Olson	OF	.246
5	Pete Runnels	1B	.310
8	Jerry Snyder	SS	.270
9	Ed Fitzgerald	C	.304
10	Lou Berberet	C	.261
14	Clint Courtney	C	.309
16	Jerry Schoonmaker	1F	.253
22	Jose Valdivielso	SS	.295
23	Jim Lemon	RF	.271
28	Herb Flews	2B	.279
30	Whitney Herzog	IF	.245

11	Bud Byerly	P	2-4
12	Bob Chakales	P	4-4
13	Chuck Stobbs	P	15-15
21	Bob Wiesler	P	5-12
26	Dean Stone	P	5-7
27	Camilo Pascual	P	6-18
29	Pedro Ramos	P	12-10

## THE MANAGEMENT

Calvin Griffith inherited the Senators from Clark Griffith, the "Old Fox," one of the shrewdest men in baseball history. Cal's shown a lot of energy since taking over but he hasn't had much luck. His manager, the loquacious Charley Dressen, is vastly

## FRONT OFFICE



Cal Griffith

## MANAGER



Charley Dressen

experienced in baseball (managed Cincinnati and Brooklyn, latter to two pennants). Charley's coaches include Old Dodger Cookie Lavagetto and tough Ellis Clary. Boom-Boom Beck helps Dressen with the pitching staff.

## PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

year	TEAM			
	finished	won	lost	games behind
1956	7	59	95	38
1955	8	53	101	43
1954	6	46	88	45
1953	5	76	76	23½
1952	5	78	76	17

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

	batting		pitching
1956	Runnels .310	Stobbs	15-15
1955	Vernon .301	McD't	10-10
1954	Bobby .298	Schmitz	11-8
1953	Vernon .337	P't'r'd	22-10
1952	Runnels .285	Shen	11-7

	home runs		runs batted in	
1956	Sievers	29	Lemon	96
1955	Sievers	25	Sievers	106
1954	Sievers	24	Sievers	102
1953	Vernon	15	Vernon	115
1952	Yost	12	Jensen	82



HERB FLEWS



PEDRO RAMOS



PETE RUNNELS



JERRY SNYDER

## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S SENATORS

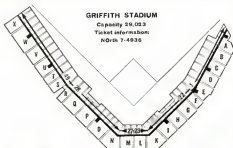
## STRONG POINTS

Senators have two low-average but powerful sluggers in Roy Sievers and Jim Lemon, and it's a good thing they do. They also have steady hitter in cheerful Pete Runnels, a versatile ballplayer who shifted around infield and finally ended up as first baseman. There's Veteran Eddie Yost at third, who has uncanny ability for making pitchers walk him, despite his .231 average; three fairly good catchers in Lou Berberet, Clint Courtney, Ed Fitzgerald; one superb starting pitcher, name of Chuck Stobbs, and one good relief pitcher, name of Bud Byerly.

## WEAK SPOTS

Poor fielding and awful pitching. If it weren't for Stobbs (15-15, 3.60 earned run average) and Byerly (2.94 earned run average), Washington pitching staff would have established all sorts of records for absolute futility. Dressen prides himself on ability as instructor of pitching, but performance of Washington hurlers is not good testimony, to put it mildly. Even when fine work turned in by Stobbs and Byerly is included in statistics, Senators' pitching staff had combined earned run average of 5.33 per game, which is almost unbelievably bad. Senator

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There are only 29,023 seats to choose from, but due to the Senators' decade in the second division, fans are few and good seats plentiful. So buy a ticket and take your pick; you'll enjoy a few view of the game.

Griffith Stadium is an old and fairly obsolescent park, but it is well cared for and never wanting for fresh paint. Broken seats are promptly repaired. Ushers are courteous, except tips but do not demand them. The concessions, operated by the Washington ball club, serve best quality hot dogs but slip in soft-drink department by loading paper cups with shaved ice. Because of District of Columbia liquor regulations, beer is sold only in first few rows of left-field bleachers, aptly called "the beer garden." A 1967 innovation and one all big league clubs should imitate: a 28-page yearbook-program for 15¢ replacing old-fashioned scorecard.

Stadium is located close to center of Washington at 7th St. and Florida Ave., N.W. Although only a mile from the main hotel district, a stranger will need radar if he is driving, what with confusions of Washington traffic patterns. There is room for 1,360 cars in small lot. And since parking space is limited, best way to stadium is by bus (five lines) for a quarter or by cab for 66¢. If you must be driving, you'll have one consolation: there is hardly ever any real traffic problem after games, due again to the understandable scarcity of Senator voters.



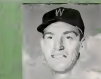
HOY SIEVERS



KARL OLSON



LOU BERBERET



JIM LEMON

pitchers gave more bases on balls than anybody else, more home runs than any staff except Baltimore's (despite spaciousness of Griffith Stadium playing area), made more wild pitches and more balks. They were even softest touch in league for run-scoring sacrifice flies. Part of blame for this aromatic record could be attributed to fielding. Neither Lemon nor Sievers is first-class outfielder, Runnels is not first baseman by trade, Yost is slowing up some at third. Shortstop and second were passed back and forth among half dozen aspirants last year, and that fluid situation was never really solidified, though Jerry Snyder and Herb Flies were about best to appear at short and second. The trouble is, Senators have no one who makes the big pitcher-saving play.

### ROOKIES AND NEW FACES

Most of young players on this squad have been up and down a few times between parent club and minor leagues. Lyle Luttrell and Jose Valdivielso, for example, have both played long stretches at short with Washington. Both have looked brilliant at times, awful at other times. Outfielders Carlos Paula, who hits hard but who doesn't seem too interested in baseball, and Dick Tetzlbaum, who cares very much but who doesn't hit hard, were in camp for another look. Outfielder Neil Chrisley is genuine rookie, and hopes are high he'll repeat with Washington good year he had with Louisville. Management also fondly hopes that some of young pitchers (Abernathy, Brodowski, Clevenger, Hyde, Wiesler, for example) will do something to improve mound situation. Bonus Player Jerry Schoonmaker, who played on U.S. baseball team in 1955 Pan-American Games, is hope for future.

### THE BIG IF'S

It seems reasonable to assume that established players such as Lemon, Sievers, Yost, Runnels, Stobbs, Byerly and the three catchers will do about as well this season as they did last. This is cheering, but not cheering enough because both Kansas City and Baltimore, Washington's immediate rivals, seem considerably improved over last season. In order for Senators to stay with Athletics and Orioles, pitching (which in Washington is spelled I-F) absolutely must get better. Pedro Ramos and Camilo Pascual, two Cuban right-handers who have endeared themselves to Dressen, are being counted on very heavily. Last year Ramos gave up 5.27 runs per game, Pascual 5.86. The Senators have reasonably fair hitting, but they're not a six-run-per-game team by long shot. Q.E.D.: Ramos and Pascual had best improve. Then, too, young pitchers must take up more of slack.

### OUTLOOK

Two years ago, as he began his first season as manager of Senators, Dressen talked so optimistically about potential his sharp eyes had spotted in his young players that he conned at least one New York baseball writer into picking Senators to finish well up in first division. The Senators finished last, the writer's enthusiasm vanished, and so did Charley's. This season Dressen is working just as hard, but the scales seem to have dropped from his eyes. No longer does Dressen feel bullish about his boys. On paper club is not improved. Prospect: eighth place.

This will be Kansas City's third season in the major leagues. The first year was one grand party: a lively, eager team fought for victories all year long. But last

season was quite different: the team was listless, as well as bad, and finished a dull, dreary last. Kansas City fans expect something a good deal better in 1957



BOB CERV



BILLY HUNTER



VIC POWER



HARRY SIMPSON

#### BASIC ROSTER

no.	player	position	1956 record
2	Joe DeMaestri	SS	.233
7	Vic Power	1B	.309
9	Billy Hunter	SS	.280
10	Hector Lopez	3B	.273
16	Irv Noren	OF	.216
21	Milt Graff	2B minors	
22	Charley Thompson	C	.272
30	Gus Zernial	OF	.224
32	Hal Smith	C	.267
35	Lou Skizas	OF	.314
36	Bob Cerv	OF	.304
38	Harry Simpson	OF	.235

3	Rip Coleman	P	3-5
14	Mickey McDermott	P	2-6
20	Alex Keilner	P	7-4
23	Wally Burnette	P	6-8
24	Ned Garver	P	0-2
28	Tom Morgan	P	6-7
34	Virgil Trucks	P	6-5
37	Tom Gorman	P	9-10

#### THE MANAGEMENT

Parke Carroll ran the minor league Kansas City ball club for the New York Yankees; when Arnold Johnson brought the major league Athletics to town, he retained Carroll as his general manager. Lou Boudreau was a Boy Manager at 24 with the Cleveland Indians, won a

##### FRONT OFFICE



Parke Carroll

##### MANAGER



Lou Boudreau

world's championship and later managed the Boston Red Sox. He's intelligent, articulate, occasionally irritable. His coaches are Harry Craft (the old outfielder), Bob Swift (the old catcher) and Spud Chandler (the old pitcher).

#### PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

year	TEAM			games behind
	finished	won	lost	
1956	8	52	102	45
1955	6	63	91	31
1954	8	54	103	69
1953	7	59	95	41½
1952	4	79	75	16

##### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

year	batting		pitching	
	player	avg	player	record
1956	Power	.309	Ditmar	12-22
1955	Power	.319	Keilner	11-8
1954	Finigan	.302	Portno	9-18
1953	Philly	.303	Keilner	11-12
1952	Fain	.327	Shantz	24-7

year	home runs		runs batted in	
	player	runs	player	runs
1956	Simpson	21	Simpson	105
1955	Zernial	30	Zernial	84
1954	Wilson	17	Zernial	62
1953	Zernial	42	Zernial	108
1952	Zernial	29	Zernial	109



IRV NOREN



MIKEY McDERMOTT



RIP COLEMAN



TOM MORGAN

## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S ATHLETICS

#### STRONG POINTS

Willingness to trade (spurred by unwillingness to stand still with eighth-place club) has brought Athletics cluster of players who could combine to move team to top of American League's lowly triumvirate (Washington, Kansas City, Baltimore). From Tigers have come Ned Garver and Virgil Trucks, once 20-game winners, and Gene Host, bizarre rookie with erratic fast ball and fine move to first base. From Yankees have come Outfielders Irv Noren and Bob Cerv, Shortstop Billy Hunter and Second Baseman Milt Graff, Pitchers Tom Morgan, Rip Coleman, Mickey

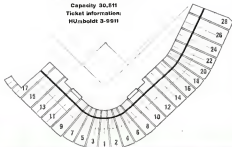
McDermott. Those 10 weren't what teams eyeing the pennant needed, but for teams eyeing sixth place they might be just the ticket. Oldtimers on A's (which means those who were there last year) include Vic Power, Harry Simpson and Hector Lopez, three very capable ballplayers, and superstitious Lou Skizas, the Chicago Strong Boy, who hit .314. Gus Zernial, onetime American League home run champion, is also around, and so are two fairly good catchers in Charley Thompson and Hal Smith. And despite trades, two best pitchers on staff may prove to be two who were best last year (according to earned run averages): Tom Gorman and Wally Burnette. Alex Keilner,

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### MUNICIPAL STADIUM

Capacity 30,611

Ticket information:  
MUniboldt 3-9311



Rebuilt two years ago, Municipal Stadium is one of the cleanest, most attractive parks in baseball. Seats are bright turquoise nuke (instead of usual dark green); umbrellas are courteous, and tipping, although accepted, is not required. Rest rooms (14 of them) are clean and un-crowded; concession stands are handy, serve excellent food (including grilled hot dogs at average prices). Park permits a car or two containing invalids to park inside the stadium outside the low wall that runs along the left-field foul line.

Stadium is located at 22nd St. and Brooklyn Ave., only 1½ miles from downtown area; it can be reached by express bus (30¢), taxi or car in about 15 minutes, although 30 may be needed when Yankees are in town. Parking space, for 3,500 cars within two blocks (53); traffic flow is smooth and no special police are required. Suggestion: many fans drive their cars to an originating point for an express bus, park there and take a bus to the park. Because of crowds taxi service after games can be inadequate.

Most of the 30,611 seats are good, but watch out for first five rows of field boxes (lower deck) during mid-summer days; it is quite possible to be baked alive. Only customers with 20-29 vision should occupy seats in upper deck. All others good and choice depends only on personal preference.



HECTOR LOPEZ



ALEX KELLNER



CHARLEY THOMPSON



GUS ZERNIAL

big left-hander, and other faintly familiar names still decorate pitching roster.

### WEAK SPOTS

Lack of power hitting to support Harry Simpson hurt A's badly last year: they couldn't score runs. To illustrate, team batting average was a big eight points higher than second-place Indians, but ran total nearly 100 less. Addition of Cerv, who hit better than .300 for past two years in part-time role with Yankees, may help here. Of course, along with being second to last in scoring runs, A's were second best in giving them up. In a word, pitching was terrible but, again, winter trading appears to have helped. Infield is very fluid. Power and Lopez, at first and third, are good anchors, but Hunter—while always a bright hope—has never really come through for anyone at shortstop, and A's may continue with weak-hitting Veteran Joe DeMaestri. Graff and Curt Roberts (a second baseman who had a fling at Pittsburgh) are both good fielders but puny hitters. Worst thing about team is that it is not a team at present, but merely a collection of players. If Manager Boudreau could find sparkplug (such as he himself was in his playing days) chances are things would be lot rosier for Kansas City fans.

### ROOKIES AND NEW FACES

In most training camps new faces are usually a novelty of sorts, but in West Palm Beach this spring it was the old faces that stood out in relatively lonely splendor. More than two-thirds of likeliest-looking pitchers, two-thirds of the catchers, a quarter of the infielders and about half

the outfielders were someplace else a year earlier. Some of new faces came in during season last year. Of others—the very new faces—hope rides most heavily on pitchers, notably ex-Yankee Morgan, the Plowboy, and on large Robert Cerv.









### THE BIG IF'S

Mob of players obtained from the Yankees have got to produce, or there'll be trouble in Kansas City. But if either Graff or Roberts can play major league ball at second, Boudreau will have gem of an infield, and this in turn will help shaky pitching (for pitching, while improved, is still aspen). Yankee pitching castoffs must do well, and so must Bob Cerv, who is 31 now and has been giving promise of becoming big, big hitter for half a dozen years. He'd better fulfill that promise, because A's need run-batted-in power badly.

### OUTLOOK

If team plays way it did year ago, it will stay in last place, and the love Cowtown folk have had for A's will turn to loathing. Carroll and Boudreau gambled this year when they gave up their name pitchers, Art Ditmar and Bobby Shantz, for big parcel of players from New York. If Ditmar and Shantz star for New York and big parcel turns out to be bust, Carroll and Boudreau will be left holding the remnants of the bag. But, in truth, team seems greatly strengthened by all the players they've garnered from the various deals.

# AMERICAN LEAGUE SCHEDULE

	AT CHICAGO	AT KANSAS CITY	AT DETROIT	AT CLEVELAND	AT WASHINGTON	AT BALTIMORE	AT NEW YORK	AT BOSTON
CHICAGO	 Apr. 18, 20, 21 May 27, 28 May 31, June 1, 2 June 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4	Apr. 26, 27, 28 July 3, 4 (am, pm) Aug. 30, 31 Sept. 1 Sept. 23, 24	May 10, 11, 12 May 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 Aug. 1, 2, 3 Sept. 2, 2, 3	Apr. 16 May 24, 25, 26, 28 Aug. 13, 14, 15 Sept. 20, 21, 22	May 14, 15, 16 June 29, 30, 31 July 30, 31, Aug. 1 Sept. 15, 16	May 17, 18 June 18, 19, 20 July 28, 29, 30, 25 Sept. 17, 18	May 21, 22 June 21, 22, 23, 23 July 21, 21, 25 Sept. 13, 14	May 19, 20 June 23, 26, 27 Aug. 1, 3, 4 Sept. 10, 11, 12
KANSAS CITY	Apr. 18, 20, 21 May 27, 28 May 31, June 1, 2 June 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4	 Apr. 16, 17 May 24, 25, 26 Aug. 13, 14, 15 Sept. 30, 31, 22	Apr. 22, 23 May 23, 24, 30, 31 May 31, 6, 7, 8 Sept. 27, 28, 29	May 10, 11, 12, 12 July 1 Aug. 3, 10, 11, 11 Sept. 2, 2	May 21, 22 June 18, 19, 20 July 27, 28, 29, 28 Sept. 13, 14	May 18, 19, 20 June 25, 26 Aug. 2, 3, 4 Sept. 10, 11, 12	May 14, 15 June 20, 29, 30, 30 July 30, 31, 31 Sept. 15, 15	May 17, 18 June 21, 22, 23, 23 July 23, 24, 25 Sept. 17, 18
DETROIT	Apr. 24, 25 May 31, June 1, 2, 2 Aug. 3, 10, 11 Sept. 23, 26	Apr. 16, 17 May 24, 25, 26 Aug. 13, 14, 15 Sept. 30, 31, 22	 Apr. 18, 20, 21 May 27, 28 Aug. 6, 7, 8 Sept. 6, 7, 8	Apr. 26, 27, 28, 28 July 3, 4, 4 Aug. 30, 31 Sept. 1 Sept. 23	May 19, 20 June 25, 26, 27 Aug. 2, 3, 4 Sept. 10, 11, 11	May 21, 22 June 21, 22, 23, 24 July 23, 24, 25 Sept. 13, 14	May 17, 18 June 18, 19, 20 July 28, 29, 28, 28 Sept. 17, 18	May 14, 15, 16 June 26, 29, 30 July 30, 31, Aug. 1 Sept. 15, 15
CLEVELAND	Apr. 22, 23 May 29, 30, 30 July 5, 6, 7 Sept. 27, 28, 29	Apr. 24, 25 May 31, June 1, 2 Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19 Sept. 23, 26	Apr. 18, 20, 21 May 27, 28 Aug. 6, 7, 8 Sept. 6, 7, 8	 Apr. 30, May 1 June 2, 8, 9, 9 July 16, 17, 18 Aug. 25, 25	May 17, 18 June 21, 22, 23, 23 July 23, 24, 25 Sept. 17, 18	May 14, 15, 16 June 23, 28, 30 July 30, 31 Sept. 15, 15, 16	May 19, 20 June 25, 26, 27 Aug. 2, 3, 4, 4 Sept. 10, 11	May 21, 22 June 18, 19, 20 July 28, 29, 28, 29 Sept. 13, 14
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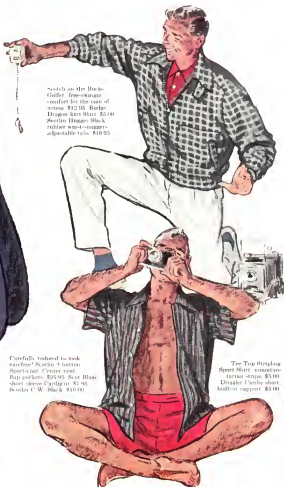
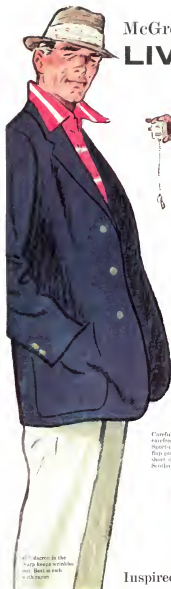
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*Dodgers*

# BROOKLYN DODGERS

The old, old Dodgers have been the class team of the National League for a decade. Cracks have appeared in their armor, but it is fondly hoped in Brooklyn

(and Los Angeles) that bright young players will fill such gaps. In the most unlikely event that they do there'll be yet another Yankee-Dodger World Series



SAL MAGLIE



ROY CAMPANELLA



DON NEWCOMBE



CLEM LABINE

## BASIC ROSTER

no.	player	position	1956 record
1	Pee Wee Reese	SS	.257
2	Randy Jackson	3B	.274
3	Chico Fernandez	SS	.227
4	Duke Snider	CF	.292
5	Carl Furillo	RF	.289
10	Rube Walker	C	.212
14	Gil Hodges	1B	.265
16	Sandy Amoros	LF	.260
18	Jim Gilliam	2B	.300
23	Don Zimmer	IF	.300
30	Roy Campanella	C	.319
43	Charlie Neal	2B	.287
17	Carl Erskine	P	13-11
38	Sal Maglie	P	13-5
39	Don Newcombe	P	27-7
40	Roger Craig	P	12-11
41	Clem Labine	P	10-4
42	John Podres	P service	
48	Don Bessent	P	4-3
53	Don Drysdale	P	5-5

## THE MANAGEMENT

Vice-President Emil J. (Butzie) Buvar moved up through the front offices in the Brooklyn farm system, took over administration of parent team with Fresco Thompson (who directs farm system) when Walter O'Malley acquired control of Dodgers in 1950. Walter Alston had

### FRONT OFFICE



Buzzie Bavasi

### MANAGER



Walter Alston

parallel career in farm system duplets before his appointment as Dodger manager in fall of 1953. His first lieutenant, Billy Herman, coaches third, Jake Fitter first. Underpublicized Joe Becker does a fine job with the pitching staff.

## PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

### TEAM

year	finished	won	lost	games behind
1956	1	93	61	
1955	1	96	55	
1954	2	92	62	5
1953	1	105	49	
1952	1	96	47	

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

betting	pitching
1956 Gilliam .300	Newcombe 27-7
1955 Campanella .318	Newcombe 20-5
1954 Snider .341	Erskine 18-15
1953 Furillo .344	Erskine 20-6
1952 Rhee .308	Black 15-4

### home runs

home runs	runs batted in
1956 Snider 43	Snider 161
1955 Snider 42	Snider 136
1954 Hodges 42	Snider, Hodges 130
1953 Snider 42	Campanella 142
1952 Hodges 32	Hodges 102



JOHNNY PODRES



GIL HODGES



JIM GILLIAM



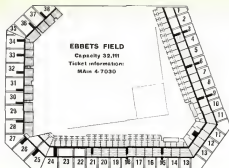
CARL FURILLO

## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S DODGERS

### STRONG POINTS

Brooklyn's pitching lacks glitter of Milwaukee's, but some insist it is actually strongest in league, especially in light of fact it has to pitch half its games in tiny Ebbets Field, a hitter's paradise. Sal Maglie, assuming that he continues to thrive, is toughest pitcher in baseball in a money game. Big Don Newcombe is not, but over a season his tremendous consistency racks up game after game. Talkative Clem Labine and taciturn Don Bessent provide strongest bullpen in league; Labine throws wicked sinking curve, and Bessent's fast ball is a wisp of smoke. Other

starters (Carl Erskine, Johnny Podres, Roger Craig, Don Drysdale) are not up to same standards as "Barber" Maglie and Newk, but then there's the relief pitching. Brooklyn's strength lies also in superb fielding (though Catcher Campanella, Shortstop Reese, Outfielders Snider and Furillo have all fallen off a little from their peak in that respect), fast and skillful base running, and the not inconsiderable remnants of the once powerful hitting. Duke Snider, for instance, is still one of the greatest sluggers in baseball. Probably most valuable player on club last year, aside from pitchers, was relatively obscure Jim Gilliam, who played second base, left field, hit .300, stole



## SPECTATOR'S GUIDE

Because of "bandbox" structure of this stadium you can get a pretty good view of the game from almost any one of 32,111 seats—if you're not behind a post. If you would like a new point of view, you might enjoy the first few rows of the rearfield grandstand (Sections 36-38, \$1.25). You'll feel like you're playing shortstop.

Best way to ball park from Manhattan is by subway (BMT to Prospect Park or IRT to Freshkill Ave.). By car, use Manhattan Bridge to Flatbush Ave., or Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel to Prospect Ave. Expressway, but be prepared for heavy traffic and inadequate parking facilities.

Park is certainly not beautiful, nor especially neat. Rest rooms and concessions are too few and too far between to handle large crowds. Unless crowd is not tipped. Nevertheless, a visit to Ebbets Field is always entertaining. Before the game begins, there's Happy Pelton and his Little Leaguers working out along right-field line. Providing organ music before and after game is the estimable Miss Gladys Gooding, who's been a Dodger almost as long as Pee Wee Reese. And of course there's "ween-ween" cacophony of the Dodger Symphony. This year Ernest Kelly, world-famous clown, has been added to prepare larap to provide chuckles. No baseball park is more fun, for the Dodger fan shows his affection or his outspoken displeasure with a continuing rest of none.



21 bases (second in league) and scored 102 runs (fourth straight year over 100).

## WEAK SPOTS

Age and its infirmities are biggest worries Dodgers have. So much depends on ability of veterans like Reese and Campanella, Furillo and Hodges, Maglie and Erskine to play up to the hilt for yet another year. The club boasts about its farm system and all the brilliant prospects produced therein, but in last seven seasons only Gilliam has come off farms to become fulltime regular, if you exclude Relievers Labine and Bessent. A few (like Joe Black) flared briefly, and a few others (like Podres, Neal and Craig) give promise to assume full major league stature this year. Yet many more (names stick in the memory: Morgan, Bridges, Hoak, Palica, Abrams, Loes, Belardi, Podbielan . . .) arrived in a fanfare of publicity only to fade quietly from Brooklyn scene. Doubts about reliability of Dodger rookie crop constitute continuing major weakness.

## ROOKIES AND NEW FACES

The most interesting rookie in Dodgertown this spring was a tall, skinny Cuban named Rene Valdes, who calls himself The Whip and whose pitching motion resembles one. His brilliant work in training games moved him ahead of more orthodox Dodger rookies like the left-hander Fred Kipp. Perhaps Johnny Podres, returned after a year in the Navy, could be termed a new face. John has a trick back; when it's O.K. he's O.K., but when it goes bad for a week or two then so does he.

## THE BIG IF'S

Don Newcombe is on the spot after his dismal World Series performance, but the real worry in pitching is Sal Maglie. Dodgers say they expect full season of outstanding work from the masterful Barber, and Sal feels the same way. But he passes 40 this month, and at 40 . . . well, there's always that doubt. Another worry is Roy Campanella, three times Most Valuable Player in the National League. Last year Campy's batting average dropped 99 points to a miserable .219. Of course, the Dodgers won the pennant anyway, and presumably could do it again. But if Roy's injured hand is really well again he could give waning Dodger punch tremendous lift. And a tremendous lift may be what the team will need, now that the fiercely competitive Jackie Robinson is no longer around to needle his teammates to victory.

## OUTLOOK

Some pessimists feel Dodgers will, at long last, fall apart this year (as Giants did after winning World Series in 1954), but depth of pitching Alston has assembled almost certainly will prevent that. However, even if team doesn't collapse, it has a tremendous task on its hands to repeat its narrow triumph over maturing and improving Braves and Redlegs. It's hard to forget how utterly weary club looked last September. This season it will be like an old king elk, fighting desperately to stave off insistent challenges of the young bulls.



Now it is next year. With a superb pitching staff built around the great trio of Spahn, Burdette and Buhl, and boasting some of the league's best ballplayers in

Aaron, Mathews, Adcock and Logan, the Braves are prepared to make a strong bid for the pennant they missed by the narrowest of margins last September



DEL CRANDALL



BOBBY THOMSON



HENRY AARON



WES COVINGTON

## BASIC ROSTER

no.	player	position	1955 record
1	Del Crandall	C	.338
4	Danny O'Connell	2B	.239
5	Felix Mantilla	1F	.283
7	Del Rice	C	.213
8	Joe Adcock	1B	.291
14	Frank Torre	1B	.215
23	Johnny Logan	SS	.281
25	Bobby Thomson	LF	.235
36	Bill Bruton	CF	.272
41	Eddie Mathews	3B	.272
43	Wes Covington	OF	.283
44	Henry Aaron	RF	.328
48	Andy Pafko	OF	.258
10	Bob Buhl	P	18-8
17	Taylor Phillips	P	5-3
20	Ray Crone	P	11-10
21	Warren Spahn	P	20-11
22	Gene Conley	P	8-9
30	Bob Trowbridge	P	3-2
33	Low Burdette	P	19-10

## THE MANAGEMENT

General Manager John Quinn, an Irishman from Boston, handles front office, oversees one of most productive farm systems in baseball. Fred Haney, an Irishman from New Mexico, who has been in baseball as player, manager, coach and sportscaster since 1918, begins

## FRONT OFFICE



John Quinn

## MANAGER



Fred Haney

his first full year as Milwaukee manager. He likes to play for a few runs behind great pitching, wants to field fiery team this year. Coaches are Charley Root (pitchers), John Riddle (first), Connie Ryan (third), Bob Keely (bullpen).

## PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

year	finished	won	lost	games	
				bating	fielding
1956	2	92	62	1	
1955	2	85	69	13 1/2	
1954	3	89	85	8	
1953	2	92	62	13	
1952	7	64	89	32	

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

year	player	bating	pitching
1956	Aaron	.328	Spahn 20-11
1955	Aaron	.314	Spahn 17-14
1954	Adcock	.308	Spahn 21-12
1953	Mathews	.302	Spahn 23-7
1952	Gordon	.289	Spahn 14-19
year	player	home runs	runs batted in
1956	Adcock	38	Adcock 100
1955	Mathews	41	Aaron 106
1954	Mathews	40	Mathews 106
1953	Mathews	42	Mathews 135
1952	Gordon	25	Gordon 75



EDDIE MATHIEWS



JOHNNY LOGAN



JOE ADCOCK



BOB BUHL

## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S BRAVES

## STRONG POINTS

Milwaukee pitching is like Milwaukee beer: first class. There is no team in the National League—and with possible exception of the Cleveland Indians, no team in all baseball—that can match the Braves' starting array of Warren Spahn (20-11), Low Burdette (19-10), Bob Buhl (18-8), Ray Crone (11-10), Gene Conley (8-9), plus the 1956 rookies, Taylor Phillips (6-3) and Bob Trowbridge (3-2). Ernie Johnson, Dave Jolly, Lou Slaughter and Red Murff are capable relievers and helped staff compile 3.11 earned run average, best by far in either league. Now—in

case they need him—Braves also have Juan Pizarro, a 20-year-old rookie from Puerto Rico who won 23 games, struck out 318 and had ERA of 1.77 last year at Jacksonville. Joe Adcock (38 home runs, 103 runs batted in) at first, Eddie Mathews (37 homers, 95 RBIs) at third and either Bobby Thomson or Wes Covington in left field will hit with real power, and young Henry Aaron, league batting champion (.328, 26 home runs, 92 RBIs), is just beginning to produce. Aaron in right and Bill Bruton in center are above-average defensive outfielders, and Johnny Logan, both with the glove and the bat, is one of the best shortstops in the league. Catching staff, led

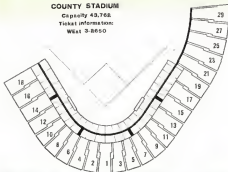


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# SPECTATOR'S GUIDE

From downtown Milwaukee, drive out West Wisconsin Ave. to stadium. Time: half an hour. Parking is no problem. Seats hold 14,000 cars (25¢). (For \$45 a season ardent Braves fans can park in special stadium lot.) If you are without car, buses make round trip from downtown for 50¢.

Stadium holds 45,000, but seats are almost nonexistent but best are in lower grandstand along first or third (31.85). Rush for tickets to Braves' games is rivaled only by *My Fair Lady*. Over a million have already been sold for 1967 season, so better hurry. Interior of ball park a very neat, rest rooms spacious and heated, concession counters easily available and popular. Best offer: delicious bratwurst (a big German sausage) on large rye bun, plus beer. Ushers eager to please, surprised when tipped. One complaint: Braves' management is slow to call off games in doubtful weather; fans are kept on tenterhooks. Around County Stadium, downtown is called "Penny dew," after Owner Lou Pini.

Scoreboard has been widened 12 feet this year to provide more detailed information on other games. Since Braves average 30,000 fans a game, a certain amount of shoving traffic is unavoidable when game is over. Recommended procedure, therefore, is to stay put for a while in stands, enjoy another bratwurst and beer and appreciate a beautiful ball park.



DANNY O'CONNELL



WARREN SPAHN



BILL BRUTON



LEW BURDETTE

by Veterans Del Crandall and Del Rice, may not hit for a big average but will do top-grade job behind plate.

## WEAK SPOTS

Aside from Logan, Braves' infield is weak defensively, although Adcock has slick replacement in Frank Torre, and Mathews' fine arm helps make up for frequently slow reactions on hard-hit balls around third base. Danny O'Connell, a definite liability at second in 1956, must improve his work in the field and at the plate (.239) to help team win pennant. Young Felix Mantilla, a smooth fielder, needs experience in his move from shortstop to second and no one knows for sure how he will hit. Ex-Pirate Dick Cole can field but not hit. Left field remains a question mark: Thomson is 83 and no ball of fire, Covington has shown deficiencies on defense. Haney is still looking for lead-off man, a spot at which he tried Logan, Bruton and O'Connell without a great deal of success last year. And entire team must improve its bunting, show more speed, daring on bases to make Haney's particular brand of tactics pay off.

## ROOKIES AND NEW FACES

Because of their pitching depth Braves may not even keep their best-looking rookie around for start of season—but they know they can recall Fizarro from the farm system anytime they need him. Chet Nichols, now attempting comeback after once leading league in ERA, faces same problem. Carl Sawatski comes back to majors again after two good years in Triple-A to add catching depth and help old Andy Pafko with pinch-hitting assign-

ments. Ev Joyner, a consistent .300 hitter for five years in the high minors, can provide extra punch, too, but has little chance to play regularly because of weak arm.

## THE BIG IF'S

Club lacked spark and desire last year and everyone in baseball knew it. This still remains their biggest question mark; if cleared up, team appears to be so good that other ifs may not be too important. However, improved all-round play by O'Connell at second or emergence of Mantilla as big league infielder, better hitting by the perennially promising Crandall, and a good year by one or a combination of left fielders would leave team in top shape. Even without this, should Mathews get back into stride for typical Mathews year (.200 average, over 40 home runs and about 130 runs batted in), Milwaukee's task would be immeasurably easier.

## OUTLOOK

Milwaukee's chances to win pennant are very good. They almost pulled it off last year, finishing one game behind Brooklyn after leading most of season, and while Dodgers are beginning to show their age, the Braves are still young and improving team. The tough pennant race of 1956 proved once again that there is no substitute for experience; now that it is under their belt, Braves should be a more confident ball club. Only a major calamity can keep them out of contention; only a very good team can keep them out of first place.

The personable, colorful, lively Redlegs are the most popular ball club in the National League. Last season strong hitting, brilliant fielding, shrewd managing and

an astute front office combined to lift them to third place after 11 dismal years buried in the second division. Now they have their eyes on the pennant



TED KLUSZEWSKI



JOE NUXHALL



GUS BELL



ED BAILEY

## BASIC ROSTER

no.	player	position	1955 record
8	Ed Bailey	C	.500
7	Smoky Burgess	C	.275
10	Alex Grammas	3B	.243
11	Roy McMillan	SS	.263
12	Don Hoak	3B	.215
14	Rocky Bridges	1F	.211
15	George Crowe	1B	.250
16	Johany Temple	2B	.285
16	Ted Kluszewski	1B	.302
20	Frank Robinson	LF	.290
22	Bob Thurman	OF	.295
23	Gus Bell	CF	.292
28	Wally Post	RF	.249
30	Hershell Freeman	P	14-5
34	Rum Meyer	P	1-6
35	Warren Hacker	P	3-13
36	Joe Nuxhall	P	13-11
40	Tom Ackers	P	4-3
42	Hal Jeffcoat	P	8-2
48	Brooks Lawrence	P	19-10

## THE MANAGEMENT

Shrewd, genial Gabe Paul is the soundest front office man in the league, if not in all baseball. One of his best moves was hiring as manager talented, talkative Birdie Tebbets, who combines natural genius for good public relations with tough, analytical baseball mind. James

## FRONT OFFICE



Gabe Paul

## MANAGER



Birdie Tebbets

J. Dykes, the humorist, is Birdie's third-base coach and assistant professor of philosophy. Likable Frank McCormick handles first base chores, and quiet, hard-working Tom Ferrick does wonders with the weak Cincinnati pitching staff.

## PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

year	TEAM			games behind
	finished	won	lost	
1956	3	91	63	2
1955	5	75	79	23½
1954	5	74	80	23
1953	6	68	86	37
1952	6	69	85	27½

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

batting		pitching	
1956	Kluszewski .302	Lawrence 19-10	
1955	Kluszewski .314	Nuxhall 17-12	
1954	Kluszewski .326	Nuxhall 12-5	
1953	Kluszewski .316	Perkowski 12-11	
1952	Kluszewski .320	Rafferty 17-13	

home runs		runs batted in	
1956	Robinson 38	Kluszewski 102	
1955	Kluszewski 47	Kluszewski 113	
1954	Kluszewski 49	Kluszewski 141	
1953	Kluszewski 40	Kluszewski 108	
1952	Kluszewski 15	Kluszewski 88	



ROY McMILLAN



ALEX GRAMMAS



JOHNNY KLIPPSTEIN



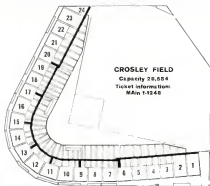
JOHNNY TEMPLE

## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S REDLEGS

## STRONG POINTS

Birdie Tebbets likes to protest that Redleg hitting isn't as powerful as it looks, but try to get one of his sluggers away from him in a trade and his red face turns pale. This is a club built presently on two things: big bats and sure gloves. Four Redlegs—Ted Kluszewski, Wally Post, Gus Bell and Ed Bailey—bit more home runs last season than the entire St. Louis Cardinal squad, even though Cards led league in team batting average. And this muscular quartet doesn't even include the great rookie Frank Robinson, whose 38 homers were high for

Cincinnati. Perhaps this explains why club scored nearly 100 runs more than Cardinals in 1956 and led league in that important item. Redlegs are not flat-footed muscle-bound sluggers (though some cynics look doubtfully upon massive Ted Kluszewski). Post and Bell are very good fielding outfielders and Robinson seems to be developing into an extraordinary one. Bailey is an excellent catcher. Klis is immobile at first, but usually sure-handed when he gets near a ball. Nonslugging members—Shortstop Roy McMillan, Second Baseman Johany Temple and either Don Hoak or Alex Grammas at third—are masters of their trade, which is primarily fielding of baseballs.



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Cincinnati wants a new ball park, but until one comes along will have to put up with Crosley Field, smallest in majors. Partly because of size, however, there are really no bad seats; only sun area is in Sun Deck bleachers (called Moon Deck for night games). Ticket prices are below average (\$2.50 box, \$2 reserved seat); and where are efficient and polite, expect only moderate tip. Refreshment stands are adequate, prices reasonable, food good.

There are problems, however. Rest rooms, although clean, are frequently overcrowded on big days. The streets leading to the park are narrow and crowded with parked cars. There just aren't adequate parking facilities for any sort of crowd. For out-of-towners, however, park is within easy walking distance of Union Terminal. (The Redlegs get more out-of-town spectators than any other major league club.) The best and easiest way to go to a game is by special buses called Baseball Arrows. They run from specified places downtown and cost 10¢ round trip.

Improvements this year include an extensive repainting of park, better lights and colossal new scoreboard. New board will be 55 feet high and 65 feet wide and is designed so that it will be visible from any seat in park. A feature will be the flashing of a player's batting average as of that morning each time he goes to bat.



BROOKS LAWRENCE



HERSHELL FREEMAN



FRANK ROBINSON



WALLY POST

Scrawny, bespectacled McMillan is by far the greatest fielding shortstop in game today, and this is said with full knowledge of the skills of such as Luis Aparicio, Gil McDougald, Pee Wee Reese and Willie Miranda.

## WEAK SPOTS

With characteristic forensic maneuverability, Tebbetts praises his poor pitching while finding fault with his great hitting. This may be part of a massive scheme to hypnotize his in-and-outers into believing that any one of them could throw a baseball through a concrete wall. It may work at that, because Redleg pitchers turned in some surprising figures for such a mediocre group. Best of them (Joe Nuxhall) was lowly 17th in earned run averages among starting pitchers, and staff as a group allowed three runs or more per game more often than any other pitching staff in league. But they seldom let a game fall completely apart; despite their handbox home park, Crosley Field, Birdie's pitches gave up fewer home runs than any staff except Milwaukee's gilt-edged crew. A great deal of credit for this goes to tremendously effective relief pitching of Hershell Freeman (14-5, even though he didn't start a game). Hersh allowed home runs at the rate of one every 55 innings (for comparison, Robin Roberts allowed one every six innings). Keeping enemy's score to a moderate, if not modest, total gave the cocky Cincinnati shaggers an incentive to unleash their huge bats and catch up. Nevertheless, neither Nuxhall nor Johnny Klipstein nor Art Fowler nor even 19-game-winner Brooks Lawrence has proved to be a real stopper on the pitching staff, which is a most serious weakness in a team with pennant ambitions.

## ROOKIES AND NEW FACES

Don Hoak, an abject failure with Cubs last year, has been a joy in spring training and may beat out Grammas for third base. Another ex-Cub, Warren Hacker, has been working on a sidarm delivery that Tebbetts hopes will revive Warren as starting pitcher. There is good rookie crop, but Redlegs aren't rushing them.

## THE BIG IFs

Since slugging is still the key to Cincinnati success, major worry is Ted Kluszewski's ailing hip—because Big Klu remains the big man on this team. Last season, having a "bad" year, he was their best in batting percentage and runs batted in. Unless a brilliant starting pitcher rises out of nowhere, the Redlegs simply must have a healthy Kluszewski.

## OUTLOOK

Paul and Tebbetts were more surprised than the fans when the Redlegs finished a scant two games behind pennant-winning Dodgers last year. They were elated, naturally, but now this year—with more and more enthusiasts jumping on Cincinnati bandwagon—they are growing apprehensive. Club is still building for future: pitching must be developed, bright minor leaguers carefully nurtured, soft spots in lineup and bench strengthened. Gabe and Birdie will not be elated by repeat of last year's record, but they'll be plenty satisfied.

Improved by trades and boasting one of the most impressive starting lineups in the league, the Cardinals are hungry for a pennant. Yet the bench is

weak, their pitching can hardly equal the Dodgers or Braves, and the Redlegs have more power. It may be a long, tough climb from fourth place to first



WALLY MOON



MURRY DICKSON



STAN MUSIAL



DON BLASINGAME

#### BASIC ROSTER

no.	player	position	1955 record
3	Don Blasingame	2B	.261
5	Stan Musial	1B	.310
7	Del Ennis	RF	.280
8	Bobby Del Greco	CF	.214
11	Alvin Dark	SS	.275
14	Ken Boyer	3B	.206
18	Hal Smith	C	.282
20	Wally Moon	LF	.298
27	Chuck Harmon	CF	minors
28	Joe Cunningham	1B-OF	minors
32	Hobie Landreth	C	.221
47	Eddie Kasko	SS	minors
17	Wilmer Mizell	P	14-14
23	Sam Jones	P	9-14
26	Jim Davis	P	5-7
36	Murry Dickson	P	13-11
37	Herm Wehmeier	P	12-11
44	Willard Schmidt	P	6-8

#### THE MANAGEMENT

Frank Lane talks more, trades more than any general manager in baseball, is often criticized but apparently has first-division habit. Is still seeking first permanent, however, as is Manager Fred Hutchinson, who came to Cardinals last year after career spent in American League.

##### FRONT OFFICE

##### MANAGER



Frank Lane



Fred Hutchinson

as pitcher and manager for Detroit. A driver on the field, he is mild at other times. Coaches are former Cardinal Stars Terry Moore and Walker Cooper, former Cub Manager Stan Hack and Bill Posedel, once with Dodgers, Braves.

#### PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

year	finished	TEAM		games behind
		won	lost	
1956	4	76	78	17
1955	7	68	86	30 1/2
1954	6	72	82	25
1953	3	83	71	22
1952	3	88	66	8 1/2

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

year	batted	pitching	
		hits	runs
1956	Musial	.310	Dickson 13-11
1955	Musial	.319	Arroyo 11-8
1954	Musial	.300	Haddix 18-13
1953	Schudast	.342	Haddix 20-9
1952	Musial	.336	Staley 17-14
year	home runs	runs batted in	
		hits	runs
1956	Musial 27	Musial	109
1955	Musial 33	Musial	108
1954	Musial 35	Musial	126
1953	Musial 30	Musial	113
1952	Musial 21	Slaughter	101



KEN BOYER



HAL SMITH



ALVIN DARK



HERM WEHMEIER

## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S CARDINALS

#### STRONG POINTS

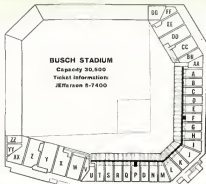
Exclusive of pitching and center field, starting lineup in many ways is most impressive in league. Stan Musial at first base has had great spring, could be on way to seventh batting championship. Don Blasingame doesn't hit hard but in rookie year reached base 228 times as leadoff man, proved he could handle job at second. Alvin Dark is slower at short but still possesses uncanny knack for playing hitters, retains great competitive instincts capable of firing up entire infield and is still dangerous with bat. Third Baseman Ken Boyer is so big and strong and fast

that 1956 record of .306, 26 home runs and 98 runs batted in was almost disappointing. Wally Moon in left is good outfielder, daring base runner and one of best hitters in league; Del Ennis in right supplies power Cards so badly need; Hal Smith, a .282 batsman in rookie year, is one of brightest young catchers around.

#### WEAK SPOTS

Team lacks proved center fielder who can hit and, in event of Dark's inability to play full season on aging and aching legs, only weak-hitting Rookies Eddie Kasko and

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Red and green Busch Stadium, only park is major to serve draught beer, prides itself on advertising-free fences (except for massive and fascinating Budweiser sign under scoreboard), a large number of really superior rest rooms noted for cleanliness, and top-quality refreshments, which are available at numerous counters or from vendors and which include an excellent refresh in help-yourself quantities for grilled hot dogs and hamburgers.

Of 50,305 seats, 21,950 are reserved, 2,641 are lower deck box seats, and only the 2,400 bleacher seats are consistently in use; to some, equipped with sun-can lotion, this is part of the charm. Best seats are logs-box area (13) on second deck, which have carriage trade; worst are extreme left- and right-field areas of grandstand, both levels, which are usually left empty. Ushers are refund of courtesy is a virtue but sometimes forget; tips are nonnegotiation but help, particularly steady customers, who are frequently rewarded with soft cushions.

Park easily accessible from downtown by regular or special bus in 25 minutes; most traffic, however, comes from suburbs, which may require drive of as much as an hour. Free-lance parking lots (including bustling back-yard arena) can handle up to 5,000 cars, usually charge about 75¢. Special police help clear park in 30 minutes even on capacity days. An item to notice: park has longest player dugouts in either league.



Dick Schofield are around to fill in. There is also no real reserve strength outside of half a dozen sluggers with great minor league records who in most cases have failed to demonstrate in previous trials that they can hit major league pitching. But most significant of all is doubt which hangs over pitching staff; unless it really is much better, Cards have gone about as far as they can go. However, there is hope. Big, powerful Herm Wehmeier, right-hander whose 12-11 record last year was career best, appears to have found himself and could win 20; Toothpick Sam Jones, whose odd pitching pattern featured a strikeout followed by a walk, has changed jerky delivery under eye of Coach Posedel, now shows great increase in control without losing anything off famous curve; Vinegar Bend Mizell is simply too good to be really as bad as he has looked this spring. Other than that, there are the three knuckle ballers who could make opponents' lives miserable: old bat steady Murry Dickson, Hoyt Wilhelm, the ex-Giant, and Jim Davis, the ex-Cub. Others who might help are Willard Schmidt, Larry Jackson, Lindy McDaniel and best of the rookies, swift young Tom Cheney and little Bob Mabe.

### ROOKIES AND NEW FACES

Team has almost as many new faces as other kind. Important ones could be Jones, Davis, Wilhelm, Cheney and Mabe among pitchers; Joe Cunningham, a first baseman who looked good with the Cards in '64; Hobie Landrith, who will help Hal Smith with the catching; Long Tom Alston at first and Milt Smith at third. There is another Smith named Bobby Gene who could solve problem in center field. This Smith jumped from Class C, where he

hit .370, to Double-A, where he hit .299, to St. Louis, where Hutchinson kept him on B Team for a month and then turned him loose. He looks good. If not, Chuck Harmon, who always hits well in minors, has looked better this spring than in earlier big league tests and could handle job. If not, last year's good-field, no-hit regular, Bobby Del Greco, is on hand.

### THE BIG IF'S

Biggest question mark, of course, is pitching: can Mizell regain his great speed; is Jones's wildness really cured; is Wehmeier ready to become a big winner? Also: can Moon hit in September, will Boyer continue to improve and what about center field? But if Dark's legs hold out, infield will be tight, attack will be sound and Cards can afford to carry weak stick in center field. Which still leaves the pitching.

### OUTLOOK

After 1955 season, Cards were called "best seventh-place team in baseball history." Last year they moved up three notches to fourth, and now that the big weakness, pitching, is ostensibly strengthened, another rise would seem in order; very sharp hitting and good team speed could put them right up among leaders. But the defense, which can be brilliant, sometimes goes to sleep; the power, although adequate with Musial, Boyer and Ennis, is still just a little short. Which means Frank Lane might be wise not to quit trading just yet.

It's seven years now since the youthful Philadelphia "Whiz Kids" stole the National League pennant. They have grown old in the interval, and none too

gracefully at that. A slowly dwindling band of truly topflight players has heretofore saved the club from utter disgrace, but who knows if they can do it again



RIP REPULSKI



RICHIE ASHBURN



STAN LOPATA



GRANNY HAMNER

## BASIC ROSTER

no.	player	position	1955 record
1	Richie Ashburn	CF	.303
2	Granny Hamner	SS-P	.224
4	Solly Hemus	1F	.296
8	Willie Jones	3B	.277
7	Ted Kazanski	2B	.311
10	Ed Bouchee	1B	minors
12	Marv Blaylock	1B-OF	.254
14	Rip Repulski	LF	.277
16	Elmer Valo	OF	.249
18	Frank Baumholtz	OF	.270
29	Stan Lopata	C	.267
47	Bobby Morgan	IF	.196
48	Harry Anderson	OF	minors
13	Bob Miller	P	3-6
20	Harvey Haddix	P	13-8
22	Jim Hearn	P	5-11
26	Saul Rogovin	P	7-6
28	Curt Simmons	P	15-10
38	Robin Roberts	P	19-18
42	Jack Meyer	P	7-11

## THE MANAGEMENT

Tough, aggressive Roy Hammy came into the Philly front office after terms with the lowly Pirates and the lofty Yankees. His manager, Mayo Smith, had a brief major league career as an outfielder but was a distinguished minor league manager in the Yankee chain.

## FRONT OFFICE



Roy Hammy

## MANAGER



Mayo Smith

Last season's catcher, Andy Seminick, coaches at first. Wally Moses at third, Whit Wyatt the pitcher. Majo McDonnell in the batting practice pitcher. Fat, jovial Benny Bengough, best-liked man in baseball, handles bullpen chores.

## PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

year	finished	TEAM		
		won	lost	games behind
1956	5	71	83	22
1955	4	77	77	21½
1954	4	75	79	22
1953	3	83	71	22
1952	4	87	67	9½

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

year	batting		pitching	
	player	runs	player	wins
1956	Ashburn .303	Simmons 15-10	Ennis-Lopata	95
1955	Ashburn .318	Roberts 23-14	Ennis	120
1954	Ashburn .318	Roberts 23-15	Ennis	119
1953	Ashburn .330	Roberts 23-16	Ennis	125
1952	Ennis .289	Roberts 28-7	Ennis	107



MARV BLAYLOCK



ROBIN ROBERTS



TED KAZANSKI



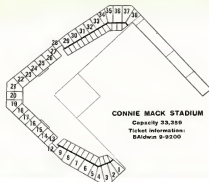
CURT SIMMONS

## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S PHILLIES

## STRONG POINTS

Phillies have three good starting pitchers. Robin Roberts had a truly miserable season last year, and yet won 19 games. Curt Simmons (15-10) made courageous comeback at time when the Philly management said flatly that it was not counting on him to win a game. Little Harvey Haddix (13-8) is still one of better left-handers around today. Then there is Catcher Stan Lopata, who spent long, long apprenticeship before developing at 30 into one of best ballplayers in league. Lopata is good catcher and strong hitter, despite curious crouch he uses

while batting. He means a lot to Phils and was their most valuable player last season. Center Fielder Richie Ashburn has batted over .300 in six of past seven seasons and, despite presence in league of such great outfielders as Willie Mays, Duke Snider, Billy Bruton and Gus Bell, has caught more fly balls than anybody else in seven of past eight seasons, a remarkable record. Rival National League clubs, irritated by the Phils' reluctance to trade Ashburn, may ponder these figures. For the rest, fans can expect dependable if not spectacular performances from such as Third Baseman Willie Jones, Left Fielder Rip Repulski and Second Baseman Ted Kazanski.



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Double-decked stands and bleachers enclose three-fourths of field. Except for boxes, most seats have at least minor obstructions between you and the game. Management recognizes this, however, and reserved seats especially bad in this respect are held back, except on sellouts when buyer is told it's a "poor visibility seat." Only sun seats in Connie Mack Stadium are in left field bleachers.

Park is clean, brightly painted (box seats red, others pale pink). Tipping tables is "optional." Rest rooms are clean and modern, but not enough of them for big crowds. Plenty of drinking fountains, good vendor service, readily accessible refreshment counters (especially a hot lunch with fried chicken). No beer is sold. Lack of beer in park prompts some Philly fans to bring their own in, and they usually bring plenty. Last season this resulted in at least one near-riot when inebriated spectators (for some strange reason, outside Philadelphia has the reputation clientele in major leagues, as any rabbit-eared player will testify) started to pitch empty bottles down on field.

Avoid driving, since the available parking space is very limited. Best idea is to cab out from downtown; or take the subway to Broad and Lehigh, then bus or walk the seven remaining blocks to park. North Philly Station of Pennsylvania Railroad is close by, too.



HARVEY HADDIX



ED BOUCHEE



JIM HEARN



WILLIE JONES

## WEAK SPOTS

There is a terrible situation at shortstop, where Phils once were solid because of Granny Hamner. But Hamner is semicrippled by arm injury that keeps him from swinging bat properly; he can no longer play short and is trying comeback as pitcher. Ted Kazanski can play shortstop, but Mayo Smith wisely prefers to keep Kazanski at key second base spot, which used to be as irritating a problem as short is now. Veteran Bobby Morgan just can't play shortstop. Veteran Solly Hemus can, but he depends more on spirit and intelligence than pure skill, and it doesn't always work. Veteran Roy Smalley should be able to do it, but Roy is an erratic, inconsistent ballplayer. By default job may end up in hands of Rookie John Kennedy, whom Phils obtained from Kansas City Monarchs and who could become first Negro to play major league ball with Phils. There are weak spots, too, in right field (where four or five candidates took turns in training) and at first base (though Rookie Ed Bouchee is being counted on heavily). Phils' weakest points, however, are bench reserves and, oddly enough, pitching behind the three big starters (the secondary starters and relievers are, most of them, pretty bad).

## ROOKIES AND NEW FACES

Several good-looking young minor league pitchers received careful appraisal in spring training, and one or more may move on to roster. But rookies being definitely counted on are Shortstop Kennedy and First Baseman Bouchee. Kennedy is agile fielder and sharp right-handed hitter, who appears to be at his best when he's under

pressure. The left-handed Bouchee is beefy and slow moving, but he can hit a baseball several miles. Unhappily, he is not a real pull hitter and a lot of his long drives will be caught in distant right center field. Repulski, who came from Cardinals in exchange for Del Ennis, is a streaky hitter; the Phils hope he'll avoid slumps this year and streak all season. Jim Hearn, purchased from Giants, is counted on to deepen pitching.

## THE BIG IF'S

Rookie Bouchee must come through at first base and Rookie Kennedy at short, if Phils are to make progress this season. Repulski has to prove to a lot of doubting Thomases that he is a better ballplayer than the departed Ennis. Robin Roberts has to regain the perfection of his pre-1956 form, and second-line and bullpen pitching must improve.

## OUTLOOK

Most of the clubs in the National League this year are maturing, improving, looking to their young players to develop steadily into stars who will carry the club into the first division or to the top and a pennant. The Phils, on the other hand, are fighting desperately to stay even, to hold onto their respectable but slightly run-down place in the standings, through the efforts of veteran players. Perhaps in the near future the Philadelphia front office will harvest another crop of Whiz Kids, but it almost certainly won't happen in 1957.

The Giants looked better toward the end of 1956, moving from the cellar to sixth in the last five weeks of the season. Then the armed forces took regulars

Jackie Brandt and Bill White, and regular Catcher Bill Sarni had a heart attack during spring training. Yet despite all the team still shows plenty of spirit



HANK SAUER



DUSTY RHODES



RED SCHOENDIENST



RUBEN GOMEZ

## BASIC ROSTER

no.	player	position	1956 record
2	Red Schoendienst	2B	.292
6	Hank Sauer	LF	.298
9	Wes Westrum	C	.220
12	Foster Castleman	LF	.226
14	Gail Harris	1B	minors
17	Orde Virgil	3B	minors
22	Dan Mueller	RF	.269
24	Willie Mays	CF	.296
25	Whitey Lockman	1B-OF	.260
28	Dusty Rhodes	LF	.217
34	Andre Rodgers	SS	minors
28	Ruben Gomez	P	7-17
30	Dick Littlefield	P	6-6
32	Al Worthington	P	7-14
36	Max Surkont	P	2-2
40	John McCall	P	3-4
42	Mary Grissom	F	1-1
43	John Antonelli	P	20-13
44	Steve Riddick	P	6-2
47	Gordon Jones	P	minors

## THE MANAGEMENT

Vice-President Charles (Chub) Feeney, one of most likable and efficient young executives in baseball, backs up Giants' owner, Horace Stoneham, a baseball man to his fingertips. Manager Bill Rigney, starting second season at helm, has taken full charge for first time. More

### FRONT OFFICE



Chub Feeney

### MANAGER



Bill Rigney

confident, also tougher, he will stand or fall with team he fields in 1957. Old Yank Star Tommy Henrich is first-base and hitting coach. Former Reds Star Bucky Walters handles the pitchers, and ex-Giant Infielder Davey Williams third.

## PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

year finished	TEAM		games behind
	won	lost	
1956	6	87	26
1955	3	89	74 18½
1954	1	97	87
1953	5	78	84 35
1952	2	92	62 4½

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

batting		pitching	
1956 Schindt .302		Antonelli 20-13	
1955 Mays .319		Antonelli 14-16	
1954 Mays .345		Antonelli 21-7	
1953 Mueller .338		Gomez 13-11	
1952 Dark .291		Maglie 18-8	
home runs		runs batted in	
1956 Mays 36		Mays 84	
1955 Mays 51		Mays 127	
1954 Mays 41		Mays 110	
1953 Thomson 26		Thomson 106	
1952 Thomson 24		Thomson 108	



ANDRE RODGERS



DAN MUELLER



WHITEY LOCKMAN



HENRY THOMPSON

## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S GIANTS

### STRONG POINTS

Giants really consist of three chaps named Mays, Antonelli and Schoendienst. In the incomparable Willie Mays they have league's answer to Mickey Mantle. He does everything in center field but mow the grass. One of most versatile of big hitters in baseball today, Willie led the league in batting in 1954, in home runs in 1955 and in stolen bases last year. If his hitting fell off in 1956, it must be remembered that Mays, unlike Mantle, didn't have Yogi Berra following him at bat. Johnny Antonelli, the bonus baby who made good in big way, is one of best

left-handers in baseball. Over the last seven weeks of 1956 season he was probably the very best—winning 11 and losing only one. After a dozen major league seasons Red Schoendienst is still the premier second baseman in the league. The sore arm that bothered him last season is mended, and it is reasonable to expect another .300 season from him.

### WEAK SPOTS

There is a critical need for batting power around Willie Mays. The team tied with eighth-place Cubs last year



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Shaped like old-fashioned bathtub, park is fairly clean and seat rooms about average. As in other New York parks, Harry M. Stevens, 1st, handles refreshments without imagination. Servicemen admitted free. Ushers are numerous and expect tip for any service. Get there early when Dodgers are in town.

Quickest, easiest and cheapest way to reach park is by subway. From midtown, use Independent line's D train to the 155th St. station. It will take from 20 minutes to half an hour and cost 15¢. Cabs take longer (via FDR Drive quickest) and cost about \$3.50 including tip. Parking is very limited (1,350 cars) and it is rough getting away after game. Private parking lots on Coogan's Bluff, overlooking park, are easier. If you must go by car, use Harlem River Drive or Major Deegan Expressway when coming from suburbs and park a few subway stops away. From midtown, if you're afraid of getting lost, go straight up Eighth Avenue.

Best views of game are from lower deck behind first or third and upper deck along foul lines. In lower stands, protective screen in back of home plate can be visual nuisance. Field boxes along foul lines give distorted view of diamond. If you crave sun and unique long-distance view of game, try upper deck in deepest left center field where stands curve in. Center-field bleachers are binocular territory.



as worst in batting and was all by itself in scoring fewest runs, getting fewest hits and knocking in fewest men. Willie Mays's potential is muted by lack of big hitter to complement him in lineup. Of necessity, catching burden falls back on broad shoulders and weak bat of Wes Westrum. First base is questionable until Gail Harris can prove that his springtime hitting is not foiled by summer's curve balls. Shortstop depends entirely on the performance of Rookie Andre Rodgers, a springtime sensation with bat and glove. If he fails to materialize, it's back to .221 Hitter Daryl Spencer or .227 Hitter Ed Bressoud. At third base the same story prevails; behind a rookie candidate (Ossie Virgil) is Foster Castleman (.226), Henry Thompson (.235) and Bressoud. In the outfield Don Mueller's usually reliable hitting fell sharply last year, and he will have to show that the slump was only temporary. In left field ancient Hank Sauer's durability is questionable, and Dusty Rhodes, a plodding craftsman, has never relived those golden days of 1954.

sharp singles to all fields, a place has to be found in the lineup for him. Ancient Hank Sauer was picked up as a free agent in the hope he could add power to the team. Thirty-six-year-old Rookie Fernando Rodriguez, who has been toiling for the last 12 years in the minors, now has his big chance and could make it as Hoyt Wilhelm's replacement in the bullpen.

### THE BIG FIS

If Gail Harris has really found himself and hits as he did in the minors, if old Hank Sauer can help young Willie Mays get the club off to a good start before the heat of summer hits him, if Rookies Andre Rodgers and Ossie Virgil hit better than their predecessors at short and third, if Don Mueller returns to form—then the club could very well finish better than last year, as Bill Rigney feverishly tells everyone.

### ROOKIES AND NEW FACES

Giants thought they might have sleeper in Rookie Shortstop Andre Rodgers, and he has more than lived up to advance reports during spring training. His range, strong arm and smoothness on double play have impressed everyone, and his power at the plate has seemingly clinched the job for him. Another rookie, Ossie Virgil, has been given every opportunity to win third base. His fielding is adequate but there are doubts about his hitting. A new face but an old friend is First Baseman-Outfielder Whitey Lockman, who took brief, enforced leave of absence last summer with Cardinals. With Lockman again hitting

### OUTLOOK

During the past 56 years the Giants have had the league's best won-lost record by some 25 percentage points. For those who prefer the long-range view, this statistic indicates that the team belongs among the leaders. But not this year, when only the Cubs are inferior on paper. Of course, Bill Rigney might prove himself a managerial genius and, with superhuman help from Mays, Antonelli and Schoendienst—the only championship players on the squad—climb as high as 6th. The future is gloomy but not yet hopeless.

Last year the Pirates spent nine glorious and dizzy days atop the National League. This, however, was in June, and at season's end they were seventh.

They may not spend even one day in first place in '57, but the Pirates are a young ball club on the way up and they aren't going to finish seventh either.



VERNON LAW



DALE LONG



FRANK THOMAS



RON KLINE

#### BASIC ROSTER

no.	player	position	1955 record
3	Dale Long	1B	.263
4	Bob Skinner	OF	.202
5	Johnny O'Brien	2B	.173
8	Gene Freese	1F-OF	.208
9	Bill Mazeroski	2B	.243
11	Paul Smith	OF	service
14	John Powers	OF-1B	minors
15	Frank Thomas	3B	.282
16	Lee Walls	LF	.274
17	Danny Kravitz	C	.265
18	Bill Virdon	CF	.319
21	Rob. Clemente	RF	.311
24	Dick Groat	SS	.273
35	Hank Foiles	C	.212
19	Bob Friend	P	17-17
22	Ronnie Kline	P	14-18
23	El Roy Face	P	12-13
32	Nelson King	P	4-1
32	Vernon Law	P	8-16
36	Luis Arroyo	P	3-3

#### THE MANAGEMENT

Known only as son of famed baseball-loving comedian when named to succeed Branch Rickey as general manager, Joe L. Brown is now considered one of the game's smart young men. Bobby Bragan, beginning his second year as big league manager, knows his players now.

##### FRONT OFFICE



Joe L. Brown

##### MANAGER



Bobby Bragan

as well as rest of league, feels he has most improved team around. Less combative than while managing in the minors, Bragan is still colorful, outspoken. Coaches are energetic Danny Murtaugh, Clyde Sukeforth, Leonard Levy, Sam Naroon.

#### PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

year	TEAM			games behind
	finished	won	lost	
1956	7	66	88	27
1955	8	60	94	33½
1954	8	55	101	44
1953	8	50	104	55
1952	8	42	112	54½

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

year	batting		pitching	
	player	avg	player	era
1956	Virdon	.319	Friend	17-17
1955	Long	.291	Friend	14-9
1954	Thomas	.298	Lit'field	10-11
1953	O'Connell	.284	Dickson	10-19
1952	Groat	.284	Dickson	14-21
year	home runs		runs batted in	
	player	runs	player	runs
1956	Long	27	Long	91
1955	Thomas	25	Long	79
1954	Thomas	23	Thomas	94
1953	Kiner	35	Kiner	116
1952	Kiner	37	Kiner	87



BILL VIRDON



EL ROY FACE



NELSON KING



BILL MAZEROSKI

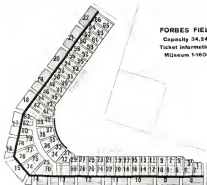
## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S PIRATES

#### STRONG POINTS

Pirates plan to move up because of natural improvement one can expect from youngest team in baseball; a lineup which Bragan knows and which will be much more nearly set than at this time a year ago; two outstanding young pitchers; one of league's finest outfields; power hitting of Frank Thomas and Dale Long; speed, defensive ability and depth. With a better ball club to back them up, both Bob Friend and Ronnie Kline are potential 20-game winners and when in trouble can always depend on steady El Roy Face to back them up. Bill Virdon (.319) and Roberto

Clemente (.311) finished two-three in batting race and combine with young Lee Walls (.274) to give Pirates sharp-hitting outfield that can run and throw. Thomas and Long, despite wobbly spring start, can be counted on to hit long ball and do adequate job at corners of infield, which is very tight up middle because of near-magical second base play of Bill Mazeroski and steady work of Dick Groat at short. Pirate system is bulging with good-looking young hallplayers and Bragan has wide choice in selecting who will back up his regulars. Among those with major league experience are several who can double in outfield or at one of infield spots: Gene Freese, Bob

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Lowest setting of any major league field, with tree-filled Schenley Park and University of Pittsburgh's towering Cathedral of Learning out beyond 12-foot-high left-field wall. Fences are free of signs. Seats are painted blue (bases), gray (reserved), and green or red (general admission). Stands are clean but girders and posts hamper view to some extent from majority of seats (along the rear foul pole in right is particularly bad). Box seats directly behind home plate have limited vision because of flat-floor construction. Best spots are first-floor boxes behind first or third base, and also reserved seats beyond fourth row in same general area.

Ushers rate high in courtesy, but appreciate tip for service. Rest rooms, clean and recently modernized, are still too few in number (no ladies' room in lower stands on first base side, for example). Refreshment stands not really adequate for capacity crowds. Usual fare, except for ice cold Lemon Blast, a local favorite. No beer sold, fans bring own. Parking near field is inadequate, and traffic jams are inevitable on weekend days, so best to park at a distance and take trolley to and from field, unless you happen to find a cab handy. Park located four miles from downtown area and, if you're driving, heavy traffic may be avoided by taking Blvd. of Allies and swinging out through Schenley Park, or by using roundabout route along Eglar Ave. Blvd.



ROBERTO CLEMENTE



DICK GROAT



LEE WALLS



BOB FRIEND

Skinner and service returnee Paul Smith, who had a .283 average in his last year with team. Utility infielders are Johnny O'Brien and the veteran Spook Jacobs, and another outfield prospect is Roman Mejias.

**WEAK SPOTS**

Catching is No. 1 problem. Danny Kravitz can hit—or at least looks like he should—but can't catch. Hank Foiles can catch but can't hit. Bragan will probably choose Kravitz' bat over Foiles' glove and hope that he really is another edition of the young Yogi Berra. Even more than most managers, Bragan is badly in need of another starting pitcher—or maybe two. Last year Pirates won 66 games and of these, Friend, Kilne and Face accounted for 43. As a result, in last half of season they just ran out of gas. Vernon Law, who had 8-16 record in ailing year, looks healthy now and should help. But behind this there are only possibilities. Some of them: Luis Arroyo, who at the moment looks like the No. 4 man, Dick Hall, Laurin Pepper, Bob Purkey, Nelson King and a pair of elderly comebacks, Bob Kuzava and Paul Minner. It is also a club frankly lacking in power; the outfielders can all get on base but only Thomas and Long seem able to move anyone around.

**ROOKIES AND NEW FACES**

Pirates don't trade—they like to grow their own—and even most of players up from minor league system have been on Hollywood-to-Pittsburgh-and-back shuttle service before. However, there are a few new faces. Dick Randall, who can also catch but can't hit either, comes from

Rochester to be No. 3 man behind Kravitz and Foiles. John Powers, who hit 39 home runs for New Orleans, is almost sure to stick as pinch-hitter, can play outfield or first base. And if Bragan should become too desperate for power hitters, he can always recall Dick Stuart; although this muscular young citizen was always in danger of being killed by a fly ball, those 66 home runs he hit at Lincoln and the handful he hit this spring present a pretty strong argument just in themselves.

**THE BIG IF'S**

If Kravitz can do job behind plate, a couple of pitching hopefuls come through and Long regains batting pace anywhere near last June's rocketing display, Pirates will be in excellent shape. It would also be nice if Stuart would learn to catch a fly ball while at Hollywood, but this perhaps is asking too much.

**OUTLOOK**

Win or lose, Pirates are going to be fun to watch—and for first time since 1948 they might win more often than they lose. An improvement over seventh-place finish of '56 is almost certain, but Cards are sure to be better too, and Giants have surprised everyone with their play this spring. On top of that, of course, there are always the Braves and Dodgers and Redlegs. With unsettled catching and without more pitching and power, Pirates will need another year to reach the first division. At least they're now on their way.

After 10 years of bitter frustration in the depths of the second division, Owner Phil Wrigley swept the club clean during the winter and reorganized from

front office down. Despite this broom treatment of last year's cellar team, the Cubs' tenure in the bleak second division is assured for another year



OGC FONDY



DON KAISER



ERNE BANKS



WALT MORYN

## BASIC ROSTER

no.	player	position	1955 record
3	Jim Bolger	OF	minors
5	Ray Jablonski	SB	.256
7	Casey Wise	2B	minors
8	Charlie Silveira	C	.222
9	Ray Katt	C	.247
11	Bob Speake	OF-1B	minors
14	Ernie Banks	SS	.297
37	Gene Baker	2B	.258
40	Don Fondy	1B	.263
43	Walt Moryn	RF	.283
46	Jim King	OF	.249

15	Jackie Colham	P	6-2
17	Bob Rush	P	13-10
26	Moe Drabowsky	P	2-4
29	Tom Pobolsky	P	9-14
31	Turk Lown	P	9-8
42	Jim Brownan	P	5-9
48	Don Kaiser	P	4-9
57	Vito Valentini	P	6-4

## THE MANAGEMENT

New Vice-President-Treasurer John Holland and new Manager Bob Scheffing combined to bring a pennant to Los Angeles last year. Holland, veteran of Cubs' minor league organization, will try to get the horses for Scheffing, a former major league catcher, to direct on field.

## FRONT OFFICE



John Holland

## MANAGER



Bob Scheffing

Both are calm, relaxed individuals who can get tough when the occasion arises. Coaches are also new. Fred Fitzsimmons will handle pitchers and first base, George Myatt directs third-base traffic, and Ray Mueller oversees bullpen.

## PAST PERFORMANCE CHART

TEAM				
year	finished	won	lost	games behind
1956	8	60	94	33
1955	8	72	81	26
1954	7	64	90	23
1953	7	65	89	40
1952	5	77	77	19½

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

batting		pitching	
1956	Banks .297	Rush	13-10
1955	Banks .295	Rush	13-11
1954	Sauer .288	Rush	13-15
1953	Fondy .306	Minner	12-15
1952	B'holts .325	Hacker	15-9
home runs		runs batted in	
1956	Banks 28	Banks	85
1955	Banks 45	Banks	117
1954	Sauer 41	Sauer	163
1953	Jackson 19	Fondy	78
1952	Sauer 37	Sauer	121



JERRY KINDALL



MOE DRABOWSKY



BOB RUSH



VITO VALENTINI

## ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR'S CUBS

## STRONG POINTS

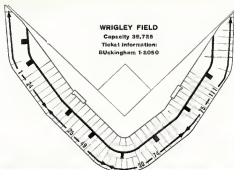
Cubs are loaded in the middle of their infield. In Ernie Banks they have skilled fielder and most powerful hitting shortstop in majors. Only reason that smooth-fielding Second Baseman Gene Baker might not team with Banks again is that he may be more valuable to club at third. Development of Rookie Casey Wise at second gives Manager Scheffing this pleasant option. Wise has shown he can make all the plays and fits in nicely as double-play partner with Banks. In reserve is outstanding bonus shortstop, Jerry Kindall. Catching, very weak

last year, is stronger with addition of Charlie Silveira, longtime sub for Yogi Berra, and Ray Katt, a competent veteran. Team is set in right field where husky ex-Dodger Walt Moryn made strong showing last year with a .285 batting average and 23 home runs. Pitching staff is young and could be surprisingly good. Veteran Bob Rush is mainstay, ably backed by ex-Cardinal Tom Pobolsky. Fast Baller Don Kaiser, Starter-Reliever Jim Brownan and bonus sensation of last year, Moe Drabowsky. Turk Lown (nine wins, 16 saves last year), Sophomore Vito Valentini and diminutive lefty Jackie Colham form strong bullpen.

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### WRIGLEY FIELD

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One of prettiest parks in majors, with its vine-covered outfield walls and clean, neat interior. No light towers mar skyline. The dozen or so rest rooms are adequate (unless larger crowds start coming out to the park). Andy Fein's ushers are briskly efficient and are never tipped.

Don't drive to game, since there are only four small parking lots (capacity 250 cars) and it costs from \$1 to \$2. Three types of public transportation are easily available at 20¢ a ride. Best one is Clark Street trolley from the Loop. Stay on to Addison and you're right there (20-25 minutes). There is no problem getting away after a game with so many choices of transportation.

Best place to sit is behind home plate in upper deck. All the spacious box seats are angled toward diamond to eliminate stiff necks, and all are fitted with wide, comfortable chairs. You will get sun for a few innings in lower boxes, but after that only in bleachers. But whole ball park can get uncomfortably hot during Chicago's midsummer days. Something different is a section of left-field grandstand where play-by-play broadcast can be heard while watching game. Ask any usher where it is. Moving ramp will take you to upper deck in right-field stands. It carries 8,000 fans an hour.



TOM POHOLSKY

CHARLIE SILVERA



GENE SAKER

RAY JABLONSKI

### WEAK SPOTS

Outfield, except for Moryn, was weak last year. This year it is in state of flux as Manager Scheffing has tried all sorts of combinations. The most prominent bids have come from members of last year's Los Angeles outfield—Jim Bolger and Bob Speake. Both are young and good defensively but did not show they could hit topflight pitching consistently in previous trials with Cubs. Mix in Jim King, a .249 part-time player last year, and Rookie Bob Will, and you have a questionable major league outfield. At first base Dee Fondy, a .300 hitter his first two years with club, has been bitter disappointment. Unless one of Scheffing's first-base experiments (Bob Speake and Walt Moryn are among them) works, Cubs are stuck with Fondy for another season. On other side of infield, third-baseman Ray Jablonski will lose as many games with his glove as he will win with his bat.

### ROOKIES AND NEW FACES

Brightest young face with Cubs this spring has been rookie Second Baseman Casey Wise. An outstanding fielder who makes double play look easy, he hits sharply to all fields. If only one of the rookie right-handers—Dave Hillman, Bob Anderson and Dick Drott—sticks, the line of good young pitchers coming up in past few seasons will be extended. Ray Jablonski was obtained in winter trade with hope that his once potent bat would add some punch to team. In complete reorganization of catching staff, Charlie Silvera came from Yankees, Ray Katt from Cardinals and Cal Neuman from minors. Couple of more

trades added depth to pitching staff when Cubs acquired Tom Poholsky, a control pitcher who has never lived up to his potential, Jackie Collum, only left-hander on staff, and Elmer Singleton, 36-year-old veteran of minor leagues.

### THE BIG IF'S

Outfield still remains the biggest question mark. If Speake or King or Bolger can hit this time around, team will be strengthened both offensively and defensively. Dee Fondy could ease Ernie Banks's hitting burden considerably and settle first-base situation if he finds his lost batting touch. Having already proved himself in the field, Rookie Casey Wise must still show he can hit major league pitching. If he does, club will have depth in infield. Catching could be strong if some of the Yankee winning ways stuck to Charlie Silvera and nine years in bullpen haven't corroded his unexplored talents.

### OUTLOOK

Under direction of new general manager John Holland Cubs made more trades and player shifts than any other club in major leagues this winter, after finishing in last place in 1956. Team is undeniably stronger, most obviously behind home plate, but there are some really glaring weaknesses in the outfield and on both ends of infield. Without the addition of proved talent, it will take more than desire and Ernie Banks to give home-town fans a better finish. Right now it still looks like another dreary summer in last place.

# Pitcher in a Jam?

## Call the Weatherman!

Now hear this: when the curves don't break or the fast balls sail like toy balloons, don't blame the pitchers. It's probably the air

by REAR ADMIRAL DAN GALLERY

Admiral Gallery, commander of the *Caribbean Sea Frontier*, will be remembered by SPORTS ILLUSTRATED readers for his acerbic analysis of baseball rules in the February 4 issue. Here he applies himself to a different controversy and comes up with some astonishing conclusions.

CONNIE MACK once said that pitching is between 50% and 90% of a pennant-winning baseball club. You might think, therefore, that the major league clubs would be well aware of all the facts of life about pitching and all the angles that affect it. But they are blissfully ignorant of one of the major facts—namely, that the air around us

is even more changeable than the sea and that routine variations in the atmosphere can make Whitey Ford a cousin to a last place club on the same day that they enable a bullpen pitcher to throw a no-hitter at the Yanks.

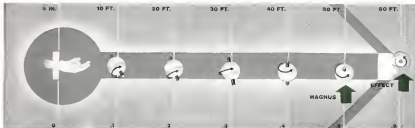
We are all aware of the daily changes in weather and can feel differences in temperature and humidity. But we can't feel changes in the most important quality of the air from a pitcher's point of view: its density. In fact, most people don't even know what density means. They think the air is dense when it's foggy, although just the opposite is true.

Density means the actual weight of

a cubic foot of air, and it depends on the temperature, barometric pressure and relative humidity. Change any one of those factors and you change the density of the air. A good average figure for the density in Chicago during August, for instance, is just under two pounds per cubic yard.

Note that I say "average." A cubic foot of water weighs 62.4 pounds every day in the year unless you freeze it or turn it into steam. But the weight of a cubic foot of air can easily vary by 15% during the baseball season and often changes by 5% from one game to the next.

So what? If it's cold or damp we put



**THE PERFECT CURVE** is a pitch in which the "lift" forces (Magnus effect), generated by the spin of the ball, change—at the instant when the ball crosses the plate—from an up-and-down effect to a force exerted sideways. This occurs when the axis of spin turns perpendicular to ball's line of flight. For those pitchers who care to learn it, therefore, the problem is to spin ball in such a

fashion that the axis turns gradually from the near horizontal as it leaves his hand to the vertical as the batter swings on it. At that point the curve breaks, the batter misses, and the pitcher, if he can repeat the process at will (and if his manager pitches him only in dense air), can look forward confidently to the Hall of Fame. For a close-up diagram of Magnus effect on curve, turn the page.



**OUTLOOK OF THE FUTURE** may have a meteorologist complete with weather maps, barometer, anemometer for measuring wind speeds as standard equipment for deciding question of what kind of pitcher goes in when. Perfect games should then be routine.

on a coast. The barometer changes so slowly that we don't feel any crackling in our ears, as we do in an elevator. We go on about our daily business and nobody knows or cares whether the air he is breathing weighs 1.8 pounds per cubic yard or 2.1 pounds.

But a baseball coming up to the plate at more than 100 feet per second and several hundred revolutions per

minute can tell the difference in density right away. When density is high, the ball will dodge cooly under Mickey Mantle's murderous swing, leaving three base runners stranded. If the density is low, the ball spins round and round but can't get its teeth into anything to help it break, so Mickey belts the poor little cripple out of the park. Whenever this happens the pitcher

comes in at the end of the inning belly-aching that "the curve hung up"—which, of course, is exactly what happened. But if anybody on the club understood about air density they wouldn't have had a curve ball artist trying to pitch on that particular day.

It is strange that no one has gone into this business of air density yet.

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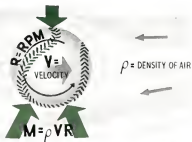
because all ballplayers know instinctively that it's air resistance that makes a curve ball break. Everyone who ever played in Denver knows you can't get a good break on a curve ball in the thin air up there at 5,000 feet above sea level, and that batting averages in that league don't mean a thing. The hitters never see anything but fast balls which go a mile if you get any wood on them. Of course, the idea that an invisible, colorless gas like air has density is a rather difficult one to grasp, and I suppose you can't blame the baseball brass for not knowing too much about it. But there are plenty of people in this country who know all about it—aeronautical engineers and fliers. They know because their daily bread and their necks depend on it.

A tremendous amount of money is spent each year on aerodynamic research. There are huge batteries of wind tunnels all over the country running tests on models of planes and missiles to find out how the full-scale jobs will fly. The reason why a plane flies—whether it's an open cockpit sport plane or a supersonic jet interceptor—is the same as the reason why a curve ball breaks. It's the reaction of the air to any object moving through it at high speed.

There are whole libraries full of the technical reports which aeronautical scientists have compiled over the past 50 years. Buried in an obscure corner of these libraries you can find one on the so-called Magnus effect. This tells about the "lift" forces generated by a spinning object with a curved surface moving through the air. It explains

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### THE CURVE BALL ANALYZED



**EFFECT OF SPIN** builds up Magnus effect in direct relation to density of air. In thin air ( $\rho_{\text{low}}$ ), spinning ball meets little resistance from air density, hence the Magnus effect (flink arrows) is low. In dense air, the greatly increased number of air particles flowing around the ball build up greater forces of lift which cause the ball to change its direction.

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why a curve ball breaks and a golf ball hooks or slices. Any pitcher will tell you that the break on his curve ball depends on the speed of the pitch and the amount of spin he puts on it. Most pitchers don't know that it also depends on the density of the air.

The mathematical formula used by scientists to describe the Magnus effect is  $M = \rho VR$ . Note the three factors in the Magnus effect equation.  $V$  stands for speed,  $R$  for spin, and  $\rho$  will be explained in a minute.

The formula used by aerodynamicists to explain the lift and drag on an airplane's wing is:  $Lift = C_L \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S$ ,  $Drag = C_D \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S$ .

Let's not bother about just what all that stuff means. Just notice that the little symbol  $\rho$  appears in both these equations too. It stands for air density and shows that air density affects a curve ball the same way it affects the flight of an airplane.

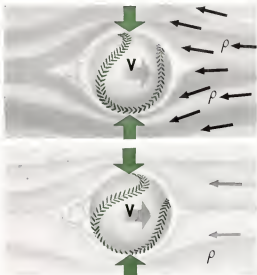
Mention this problem of curving a

baseball to an aerodynamicist and he will immediately get a gleam in his eye and start talking about "Reynolds numbers," "kinematic viscosity," and "breakaway flow." The thing gets so technical and scientific that you can readily understand why no big league managers have got it filed away in their nogginna.

To see just how much air density affects the flight of an airplane, I broke out the take-off charts for one of our Navy jet fighters the other day and figured out the take-off run needed for this plane in Boston on a cold dry day when the barometer was high and the air was dense. It came out 3,900 feet. Then I put the same plane with the same load in Kansas City, 750 feet above sea level, on a hot humid day with low barometer. In the thinner air that plane needed 6,900 feet, almost double the take-off run. Billy Pierce's curve ball will behave just as differently in Boston and Kansas City under these conditions as the jet airplane does.

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Much of what I've said so far is theoretical, and practically no aeronautical research has been conducted with an actual baseball to back it up. But talk to any big league pitcher or catcher and he will confirm it. None of them know anything about aerodynamics, but they do know that weather affects pitching, even though they sometimes have screwy ideas as to why. They all know that a fast-ball pitcher does better with the wind blowing in from center field behind him. This checks with aerodynamic theory, because naturally it makes his fast ball even faster. They also agree that a curve ball likes to pitch against the wind even though the wind helps the hitter if he connects. Theory confirms that a curve ball gets a better "bite" going into the wind—and practically, the wind helps the pitcher before it can start helping the batter. In fact, if it helps the pitcher enough and gets a real good break on his curve, it never gets a chance to help the hitter.

Offhand you might think that a left-handed curve ball artist would prefer to have a cross wind blowing from first to third base and a right-hander would like it blowing from third toward first. Any pitcher will tell you the opposite is true. Aerodynamic theory confirms this.

All catchers will tell you that real hot days are best for fast-batters and cold days are better for junk men. The air is thin on hot days and Herb Score



or Bob Turley can really blast their high, hard one through it. Pitchers who throw curving stuff have more air resistance helping them bend their stuff on cold days. It is interesting to note that when Sal Maglie pitched his no-hitter for the Dodgers toward the end of last season, the temperature in the Brooklyn ball park was 58°. The air was very dense that night in Brooklyn. Sal throws a big curve, and it was really breaking in that thick air. When Don Larsen pitched his perfect game the air density was just about as high; Don was getting a vicious break on his curve that day. And don't forget that Larsen's opponent in that pitching classic was Maglie, who retired the first 11 batters in a row and held the Yanks to two runs.

Another aerodynamic factor which affects pitching and which all pitchers appreciate without knowing the why and wherefore is the size and weight of the ball. At some point in almost every big league game you'll see a pitcher on the mound fingering a brand new ball and then tossing it back to the ump and asking for another. Baseballs vary in size and weight. According to the official rule book the manufacturing tolerance is 9 to 9¼ inches in circumference and 5 to 5¼ ounces in weight. If you compare the smallest and heaviest legal ball with the biggest and lightest, the aerodynamic difference is 11%. Now, aeronautical engineers sweat blood over their drawing boards to reduce the "drag" of a new aircraft design by 1%. Pitchers learn from and

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experience that certain kinds of balls are just no good for them. If the air density and the size and weight of the ball combine the wrong way, the aerodynamic odds against them can get up around 20%. Any change on the order of 5% calls for serious thought on the part of the management. The passage of a cold front can change the air density by several percent. When a cold front goes through and rain interrupts a game for an hour or so, it may be that the manager should lift a pitcher who has been going great guns and put in someone whose style is better suited to the new air.

What is the upshot of all this theorizing? It is that managers should pay a great deal more attention than they do to weather conditions in picking their starting pitchers. I realize that you've got to rotate your starters, within reason, and you can't call up the weather bureau before each game and ask them who to start. But there are days when certain pitchers shouldn't start, turn or no turn. There may be only seven or eight days a year when the regular starter is just all wrong for the air density and will be in the hole to every hitter before he even throws to him. But if the manager knows this he might easily win four or five games that would go in the loss column if he

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followed his regular rotation. Many a manager can sorrowfully recall seasons when four or five games would have won him the flag.

If I owned a big league club I'm sure I wouldn't go overboard for aerodynamics just on unsupported theory. But I would call in my statistical staff and put them to work comparing my pitchers' performances with the weather bureau statistics. Of course, in any one ball game a lot of things such as bad hops, errors, bad calls by the umpire and balls that are fair or foul by inches can upset a whole library full of aerodynamic theory. But if a pitcher's performance is correlated with the weather—as theory says it is—then with the record of several hundred games in front of him a skilled statistician can prove it.

If I were a club owner I would also butter up the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which has a big wind tunnel in Cleveland. There they can vary the density of the air just as it varies from day to day in big league ball parks. This tunnel is plenty big enough to lay out home plate and a pitcher's slab and put a battery of high-speed movie cameras at strategic points. In the interests of science, I would persuade NACA to let me send my whole pitching staff down there for an aerodynamic calibration on each of my pitchers showing the speed and

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revolutions per minute necessary to get a good break on his curve in various densities of air. Naturally, I wouldn't release any of this dope to the other clubs until three or four seasons of careful checking against actual performance had confirmed it.

Sooner or later some big league clubs will get smart and do this. The next season you'll see a studious looking character sitting alongside the manager on the bench with a slide rule, a briefcase full of calibration charts, and the latest hourly weather map. On top of the dugout will be a wind vane and anemometer, and at one end will hang a barometer, thermometer and psychrometer. When a pitcher gets in a jam the traditional conference at the mound will be replaced, on this club, by a conference at the barometer between the manager, catcher and aerodynamicist.

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# Fame Is for Winners

A PREJUDICED BASEBALL FAN ARGUES FOR RESTRICTING THE HALL OF FAME TO PLAYERS WHO WON AND LAYING TO REST THE COBB SYNDROME

by JAMES MURRAY

It is the considered opinion of most baseball fans that the greatest player who ever lived was either a) Ty Cobb or b) Babe Ruth. Right at the outset of this essay, I would like to lay the controversy at rest once and for all. The greatest player was Babe Ruth.

How can you be sure, you may ask. Was it because he hit more home runs? Could pitch, too? No. It was because he won. It's that simple.

In Ruth's 15 years with the New York Yankees, the team won seven pennants, four world championships. In Ruth's six seasons with the Boston Red Sox, the team won three pennants, three world championships. In short, Ruth was a winner.

In Ty Cobb's 22 years with Detroit, the Tigers won three pennants, no world championships. In Cobb's two years with Philadelphia, the Athletics won no championships. In short, Cobb was a loser.

It is not the purpose of this thesis to examine solely the relative merits of Babe Ruth vs. Ty Cobb. But it is my intention to claim that baseball's Hall of Fame and the honor rolls of the sport generally are barnacled with athletes who, like Cobb, were able to hang up an impressive number of personal achievements which, on the face of the record, meant little whatsoever to the teams they played for.

The object of baseball, after all, is to win the pennant and world championship. Cobb's record of three pennants in 24 seasons—all in the first five years of his baseball life—presupposes something was wrong with the great Cobb as a team player. It is not unreasonable to expect that, somewhere along the line, a lifetime batting average of .367 (highest in baseball), 12 batting championships, batting averages of over .400 three times and over .390 for 23 years, and the most total hits in history, 4,191, would translate themselves into a long succession of championships.

That they didn't argues that Cobb's admitted individual brilliance had a deleterious effect on the success of the team as a whole, a fact which teammates of his have privately confided in the past but never quite dared to say out loud.

As a matter of fact, the Cobb syndrome crops up throughout baseball history. Consider the modern case of Ted Williams. Williams is generally conceded to be the best hitter in baseball today. He has won four batting titles, four home run championships, has a lifetime average of .348. Yet, in 15 seasons with the Red Sox (two of them

fractional, due to his Korean service as a Marine fighter pilot), his team has won exactly one pennant, no world championships.

It is interesting that in his only World Series—1946—Williams stubbornly played right into the hands of the opposition, the St. Louis Cardinals, who made a low bow to Ted's acknowledged prowess and fielded an overshifted defense which saw the left side of the infield practically undefended while the fielders were stacked like a pocket fence on the right side. Williams insisted on trying to power the ball through this massed defense, even though he proved in the third game with a safe bunt down the third base line that he had a virtual sure base hit every time he pushed the ball toward the left side of the infield. He got exactly five hits, all singles, in the Series and was, as a result, about as much use to the Red Sox as a reserve outfielder named Tom McBride who was out of the league three years later.

It probably could be argued, on the basis of Williams' performance in the '46 series, that Ted was more interested in personal glory than in the Red Sox. It is noteworthy that many of Williams' other brilliant afternoons came in All-Star games, which are a kind of showcase for talent where the managers let the players swing from the heels and the hell with the game. The fans come to see stars, not victories, which makes this game more uniquely suited to Williams' frame of mind than is the pennant chase.

There have been other brilliant soloists. Paul Waner played in the big leagues 22 years and—save for 11 games with the 1951 Dodgers—played on precisely one pennant winner, the 1927 Pittsburgh Pirates, who lost the World Series in four last games to the Yankees. Yet, Waner had a lifetime average of .333, batted .380 one year, .373 another, .379 in another. Those who watched him play had the distinct impression Waner got his three-and-a-fraction hits every 10 times at bat and was very little concerned over whether the team was winning or losing. He led the league in runs batted in only one year—the year the Pirates won the pennant. He led the league in batting three times—in two of which Pittsburgh did not even threaten.

It is possible there is something insidious about becoming a supreme virtuoso in baseball, that one's first individual championship chips away at the general team effort. It is extraordinary to note how many so-called superstars were able to lead their teams to pennants in the early days of their careers when they themselves were naive, earnest

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youngsters, and not public figures. (Cobb's Tigers won the flag in his third year, 1907, when Ty was only 20 years old.) Once they get notorious, these celebrities seem to concentrate on their own careers, rather than the welfare of their team. It is possible, of course, that their success inspires jealousy and resentment on the part of their teammates and that this dissonance rather than the player's disinterest untracks the team. It is also possible that the superstar anticipates this reaction and begins to think of himself as apart from his own common herd. The fact that he usually makes three or four times the salary of his nearest fellow player cannot be expected to smooth the situation.

How then do you explain the success of Babe Ruth who was all of these things—a superplayer, the most hysterically publicized man in the game and an employee whose salary occasionally topped that of the President of the U.S.? Well, as I see it, there were three factors: first was Ruth's personality itself—a lovable, clownish, uncomplicated juvenile who treated all the world, king or bootblack, with the same offhand heartiness—not, in short, a man to antagonize his fellow players or inspire jealousy or resentment in anyone. Can this be said of Cobb or Williams? Second, there was Manager Miller Huggins, a psychologist even if he didn't know it, and a mature,

thoughtful individual who could channel Ruth's herculean talents to redound to the club's, as well as Ruth's, benefit. Third, there was Lou Gehrig.

It occurs to me that—just as there are ballplayers who succumb to the dread Cobb syndrome—there is the reverse side of the coin, ballplayers who never excited the wildest acclaim but who were congenial winners and whose talents were translated regularly and unobtrusively into pennants and championships. Lou Gehrig was unquestionably the key piston in the Yankee machinery. Ruth's eruptions of awful power would spurt the engine riotously along the track from time to time, but Gehrig's drive was relentless and unstoppable. He was always on hand to steady not only the great Ruth but the whole Yankee team. He was a perfect team man—a rascous, unafraid giant without guile, deceit or overlapping ambition. Gehrig was glad to be a Yankee, not glad to be just Gehrig. This is the man who batted .373, .374, .379, .363 and other prodigious percentages.

Gehrig was probably the greatest team player who ever lived. His mere presence was a comfort to the team, and it was undoubtedly Gehrig to whom Pitcher Red Ruffing referred when he said, "I feel like a guy with eight big brothers when I take the field with the Yankees." There is no evidence Cobb or Williams or Waner inspired the same unshakable confidence in their pitching staffs—or even their managers.

The Yankees, of course, have habitually been blessed with this kind of



**SPIKES FIRST** might have been motto of the great Ty Cobb, shown here in a typical effort to intimidate opposing catcher. Yet Cobb's brawling play never helped team much.





**FANS LAST** could be motto of Ted Williams, sporting defiance after hitting homer.

quietly capable team player. It may be the reason they insist on a certain code of behavior in their players. Certainly Joe DiMaggio was up to the Ruthian role he had to play, but he was primarily a team player, a superstar whose only enduring record book entry is for batting safely in 56 consecutive games. Not only that, but Team Players Gehrig and Bill Dickey were still on hand for the first part of his career. And the shortstop Phil Rizzuto was cast in the same mold for the last half.

The present-day Yankees have the brilliant Mickey Mantle. Personally, I would not put Mantle in the Gehrig or Dickey category. I doubt if he alone could lead the Yankees to a perennial world championship. The team player on New York today, it seems to me, is the catcher, Yogi Berra. Here is another athlete with no pretensions. His statistics will never skyrocket right off the pages of the baseball record book the way Cobb's, or Williams' will. But his World Series winners' shares may someday top everybody's.

And let us not forget the great George Sisler, who until his eyes began to go bad in 1923 was able to host the sickly St. Louis Browns into pennant contention in the American League. That alone should be example enough of the value of the team man.

The argument is raised that some  
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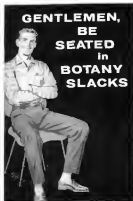
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**WINNING COMBINATION** of Yankees' greatest days was (from left) Superstar Babe Ruth, long-suffering but understanding Manager Huggins and Team Player Lou Gehrig.

**FAME IS FOR WINNERS**

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players just find themselves on chronically inferior teams which keep on losing despite their best efforts. This has happened—but not as often as the fan thinks. As a matter of fact, if a superior player continues to play superior ball and does not let discouragement or ennui set in, the chances are good that the franchise as a whole will begin to pick itself up and edge toward the pennant. Then, the addition of only one or two catalytic ballplayers, and suddenly there's a pennant.

This happened, I am positive, in the case of Detroit's Charley Gehring. Gehring's average (lifetime) is almost 50 points below Ty Cobb's. But Gehring began to play second base for the Tigers toward the end of Cobb's career. He played steady, impeccable baseball—and the general level of excellence of baseball on the club started to rise as he reached full maturity. In 1933 the club bought a demonstrable winner—the Athletics' catcher, Mickey Cochrane—and made him player-manager. Immediately, everything fell into place, and Detroit went on to win two quick pennants and a world championship.

There have been other spectacular manifestations of the winning attitude. Frankie Frisch was second baseman on eight pennant winners. His teams won four of their World Series. Frisch was

even manager of the 1934 Cardinals and, in the seventh game of their World Series with Detroit that year, it was Frisch who broke the back of his opponents. It was the third inning and the game was scoreless when the Cardinals loaded the bases, Manager Frisch at bat. He cleaned the bases with a double. The Cardinals swept on to a seven-run inning and the world championship.

The point is, an examination of Frisch's record might have told the baseball observer what to expect. Just as in the sixth game of last year's World Series when Jackie Robinson came to bat in the last of the 10th inning with the winning run on base, a study of the past should have tipped off the immediate future. Robinson brought it in with a screaming single to left. It is my belief that Robinson, next to Gehrig, was the greatest team player in baseball history. In his 10 years in the big leagues, his team won six pennants, finished second every other year but one. His team could not win its share of World Series; the Yankees, as it happened, had more team players than the Dodgers.

Cleveland, through the years, has had, it seems to me, more than its share of ballplayers of the Cobb persuasion. There were few stylists in baseball with the artistry of Earl Averill in the batter's box. In his prime he would seldom bat below .300 and his high mark was an eye-popping .378 on a team which





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# BASEBALL'S

With one eye looking ahead to the glories of the 1957 season and the other searching back into the

**B**OASTING the physical proportions of the Greek god upon whose pedestal he stands, Ted Williams, whose bat can sing the loveliest song in baseball, strums a lyre borrowed from Apollo. The Thinker is a thinker indeed: Manager Paul Richards of the Orioles is one of the game's finest tacticians—and with the Orioles, he needs to be.

Another noted thinker stands behind him, but Casey has more help; he flies to victory after victory on the strength of "the new Babe" he holds so lovingly: Mickey Mantle. The lone mortal who has wandered upon the scene ponders the fate of his beloved Dodgers now that the most famous of them all, Jackie Robinson, has deserted the flock. As Bill



# LOONEY LOUVRE

past of the fine arts, Joe Kaufman discovers some startling kinships—and some mutual problems

Rigney of the Giants grasps two of the snakes which plague him (Bill White and Jackie Brandt lost to the U.S. Army, perhaps?), a third sneaks up from below; this one could be Bill Sarni's untimely loss—and where is Rigney to get another catching hand? A rapturous sight to Cleveland fans is the Big Three of the Indian staff. Although Stan Musial

staggers under the weight of the longest current consecutive-game record, he looks firmly ahead toward the National League mark of 822. The mighty Hercules of the Redlegs, Ted Kluszewski, flexes his muscles for another big year; and that Mercury-footed base thief of the Giants, Willie Mays, prepares to harry National League catchers again.



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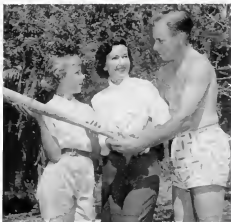
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# FIGURING IT OUT...

## The 1956 season under the X-ray

Official league statistics do not always reveal the true value of a performance by a ballplayer or a ball club throughout a full season. Other figures

(such as those prepared below by Les Woodcock) can interpret the story much more significantly—and show just why a club finished where it did

### EFFECTIVE BATSMEN

Batting averages do not credit a ballplayer with the number of times he gets on base by means other than a base hit. True effectiveness means getting on base—no matter how

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Player	Times at plate	Reached base	On base pct.
Williams, Boston	503	241	47.91
Mantle, New York	651	302	46.39
Nieman, Baltimore	521	227	43.57
Minoso, Chicago	661	231	42.51
Maxwell, Detroit	539	244	41.43
Yost, Washington	675	278	41.19
McDonald, New York	511	207	40.51
Jensen, Boston	672	272	40.48
Vernon, Boston	469	189	40.30
Boone, Detroit	566	228	40.28

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Player	Times at plate	Reached base	On base pct.
Snider, Brooklyn	646	258	39.94
Gilliam, Brooklyn	695	277	39.86
Moon, St. Louis	621	242	38.97
Musial, St. Louis	679	262	38.59
Ashburn, Philadelphia	713	274	38.43
Jones, Philadelphia	618	237	38.34
F. Robinson, Cincinnati	660	250	37.88
Mathews, Milwaukee	648	242	37.35
Mays, New York	650	240	36.92
McMillan, Cincinnati	566	207	36.57

### EXTRA-BASE POWER

Philadelphia's Stan Lopata has a fair batting average (.267—30th in league) last season. But he was the only player in the major leagues who hit for extra bases more often than he singled

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Player	Hits	Extra-base hits	Pct.
Wertz, Cleveland	127	54	42.52
Mantle, New York	188	79	42.02
Sievers, Washington	139	53	41.73
Lemon, Washington	146	59	40.41
Berra, New York	155	61	39.35
Bauer, New York	130	51	39.23
Williams, Boston	133	54	39.13
Vernon, Boston	125	47	37.60
Doby, Chicago	135	49	36.30
Kaline, Detroit	194	69	35.57

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Player	Hits	Extra-base hits	Pct.
Lopata, Philadelphia	143	72	50.35
Snider, Brooklyn	158	73	49.37
Post, Cincinnati	134	64	47.76
Adcock, Milwaukee	132	62	46.97
Hodges, Brooklyn	146	65	44.52
F. Robinson, Cincinnati	166	71	42.77
Mays, New York	171	71	41.52
Mathews, Milwaukee	159	60	40.90
White, New York	130	52	40.00
Long, Pittsburgh	136	54	39.71

### STRIKEOUTS AND HOME RUNS

The concentration by some hitters on the home run leads them to strike out more than they should. Only Ted Kluszewski and Yogi Berra homered more frequently than they fanned

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Player	HR	SO	SO per HR
Berra, New York	10	29	.97
Williams, Boston	24	39	1.63
Boone, Detroit	25	46	1.84
Mantle, New York	52	99	1.90
Kaline, Detroit	27	55	2.04
Maxwell, Detroit	25	74	2.94
Wertz, Cleveland	32	87	2.72
Bauer, New York	26	72	2.77
Sievers, Washington	29	88	3.03
Doby, Chicago	24	105	4.38
Lemon, Washington	27	138	5.11

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Player	HR	SO	SO per HR
Kluszewski, Cincinnati	35	31	.89
Mays, New York	36	65	1.81
Adcock, Milwaukee	38	86	2.26
Bell, Cincinnati	29	66	2.28
Mathews, Milwaukee	37	85	2.32
Snider, Brooklyn	43	101	2.35
F. Robinson, Cincinnati	38	95	2.50
Hodges, Brooklyn	32	91	2.84
Lopata, Philadelphia	32	93	2.91
Post, Cincinnati	36	124	3.44





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## BASE STEALING

Only the 15 players below stole 10 or more bases last season, and each succeeded in more than half of his attempts. Brooklyn and the Chicago White Sox were the best base-stealing clubs

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Player	Attempts	Steals	Pct.
Mantle, New York	11	10	.909
Aparicio, Chicago	25	21	.840
Avila, Cleveland	21	17	.810
Jensen, Boston	14	11	.786
Rivera, Chicago	29	20	.690
Francosa, Baltimore	16	11	.688
Minoso, Chicago	18	12	.667

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Player	Attempts	Steals	Pct.
Ashburn, Philadelphia	11	10	.909
Mays, New York	50	40	.800
Temple, Cincinnati	18	14	.778
Reese, Brooklyn	17	13	.765
J. Robinson, Brooklyn	17	12	.706
Gilliam, Brooklyn	30	21	.700
White, New York	23	15	.652
Moon, St. Louis	21	12	.571

## TEAM ON-BASE ABILITY

The Yankees ranked below three other teams in the American League in getting men on base (although a later table will show they scored a higher percentage of runners than anyone else)

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	Times at plate	Reached base	On base pct.
Boston	6,147	2,225	36.20
Detroit	6,086	2,186	35.59
Chicago	6,038	2,106	34.89
New York	5,993	2,078	34.67
Washington	5,965	2,033	34.07
Cleveland	5,907	1,977	33.47
Baltimore	5,796	1,827	31.52
Kansas City	5,780	1,825	31.50

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	Times at plate	Reached base	On base pct.
Brooklyn	5,796	1,981	34.17
Cincinnati	5,913	1,935	33.57
St. Louis	5,945	1,979	33.29
Philadelphia	5,858	1,925	32.84
Milwaukee	5,735	1,856	32.25
Pittsburgh	5,682	1,741	30.75
Chicago	5,765	1,740	30.18
New York	5,659	1,691	29.93

## TEAM RUN-SCORING ABILITY

The first thing is to get men on base, but that is only half the story. The table below shows which teams best utilized their opportunities in bringing their runners all the way around

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	Runners on base	Runners scored	Pct. scoring
New York	2,978	857	41.24
Chicago	2,166	776	36.85
Detroit	2,168	769	36.43
Cleveland	1,977	712	36.01
Boston	2,225	780	35.06
Kansas City	1,825	619	33.92
Washington	2,033	632	32.67
Baltimore	1,827	571	31.25

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	Runners on base	Runners scored	Pct. scoring
Cincinnati	1,985	775	39.04
Milwaukee	1,856	709	38.20
Brooklyn	1,981	729	36.35
Philadelphia	1,925	688	34.70
Chicago	1,740	597	34.31
St. Louis	1,979	678	34.26
Pittsburgh	1,741	588	33.77
New York	1,691	540	31.98

## TEAM HOME RUNS

Cincinnati's sluggers made the Redlegs' pitching look good in one respect. They provided the biggest spread between home runs hit and home runs given up of any team in the majors

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	HRs hit	Per game average	Opponents' HRs	Per game average
New York	190	1.23	114	.74
Cleveland	153	.99	118	.75
Detroit	150	.97	140	.90
Boston	139	.90	130	.84
Chicago	128	.83	116	.74
Kansas City	112	.78	187	1.21
Washington	112	.72	171	1.10
Baltimore	91	.59	99	.64

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	HRs hit	Per game average	Opponents' HRs	Per game average
Cincinnati	221	1.43	141	.91
Brooklyn	179	1.16	171	1.11
Milwaukee	177	1.14	133	.86
New York	145	.94	144	.94
Chicago	142	.90	161	1.03
St. Louis	124	.79	155	.99
Philadelphia	121	.79	172	1.12
Pittsburgh	110	.70	142	.90

## TEAM EXTRA-BASE POWER

Surprisingly enough, the Redlegs did not have the best extra-base percentage in baseball. An even greater surprise is to see the last-place Chicago Cubs ranking fourth best in the majors.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	Hits	Extra-base hits	Pct.
New York	1,433	438	30.57
Boston	1,473	445	30.21
Cleveland	1,256	375	29.86
Washington	1,302	372	28.57
Chicago	1,412	389	27.55
Detroit	1,494	409	27.38
Kansas City	1,325	357	26.94
Baltimore	1,242	323	26.01

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	Hits	Extra-base hits	Pct.
Milwaukee	1,350	443	32.81
Brooklyn	1,315	427	32.47
Cincinnati	1,406	454	32.29
Chicago	1,281	394	30.76
New York	1,269	382	30.13
Philadelphia	1,313	377	28.71
St. Louis	1,443	407	28.21
Pittsburgh	1,340	366	27.31

## EFFECTIVE TEAM PITCHING

The Indians, Orioles, Giants and Cubs batted lowest in the majors (.244). The Indians finished in second place because their pitchers held the opposition to an even lower batting average.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	Opponents' at bats	Opponents' hits	Opponents' BA
Cleveland	5,159	1,253	.238
New York	5,165	1,293	.249
Boston	5,334	1,354	.254
Chicago	5,296	1,351	.255
Baltimore	5,179	1,262	.263
Detroit	5,254	1,389	.264
Kansas City	5,247	1,424	.271
Washington	5,362	1,539	.287

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	Opponents' at bats	Opponents' hits	Opponents' BA
Brooklyn	5,123	1,251	.244
Milwaukee	5,243	1,295	.247
New York	5,132	1,237	.250
Chicago	5,248	1,325	.252
St. Louis	5,217	1,339	.257
Cincinnati	5,297	1,406	.265
Philadelphia	5,299	1,407	.266
Pittsburgh	5,270	1,406	.267

## TEAM RUN PREVENTION

The defense of the Yankees, Indians and Braves was by far the sharpest in the major leagues. Less than one out of every three batter reaching first base against them was able to score.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	Opponents' on base	Opponents' runs scored	Pct. of opp. scoring
Cleveland	1,837	581	31.80
New York	1,975	631	31.95
Chicago	1,961	634	33.86
Detroit	2,083	699	33.48
Boston	2,066	751	36.35
Baltimore	1,933	705	36.47
Kansas City	2,145	821	38.74
Washington	2,362	924	40.14

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	Opponents' on base	Opponents' runs scored	Pct. of opp. scoring
Milwaukee	1,783	569	31.91
Pittsburgh	1,895	603	34.46
Cincinnati	1,892	658	34.78
New York	1,868	650	34.80
Brooklyn	1,713	601	35.08
Chicago	1,971	708	35.92
St. Louis	1,963	698	36.68
Philadelphia	1,873	728	39.40

## TEAM STRIKEOUT EFFICIENCY

The Indians' and Dodgers' pitchers struck out the most batters in their respective leagues. Surprisingly, the Braves' pitching staff struck out the fewest number in the National League.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	Opponents' at plate	Opponents' strikeouts	Pct.
Cleveland	5,888	845	14.35
Detroit	6,087	788	12.95
New York	5,940	732	12.32
Baltimore	5,877	715	12.17
Chicago	5,948	722	12.14
Boston	6,151	712	11.58
Washington	6,263	663	10.59
Kansas City	6,083	636	10.46

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	Opponents' at plate	Opponents' strikeouts	Pct.
Brooklyn	5,684	772	13.58
New York	5,880	765	13.01
Philadelphia	5,890	750	12.73
Chicago	6,015	744	12.37
St. Louis	5,909	709	12.00
Pittsburgh	5,891	682	11.24
Cincinnati	5,907	653	11.05
Milwaukee	5,823	639	10.97

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Ford, New York  
Score, Cleveland  
Lary, Detroit  
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### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### Pitcher

Conley, Milwaukee  
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Kline, Pittsburgh  
Spahn, Milwaukee  
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Simmons, Philadelphia  
Jeffcoat, Cincinnati

### FEWEST BATTERS

On an average, Don Newcombe allowed  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

#### Pitcher

	Average per game
Score, Cleveland	10.59
Danovan, Chicago	10.61
Wynn, Cleveland	10.65
Sturdivant, New York	10.82
Ford, New York	10.95
Johnson, Baltimore	11.30
Harshman, Chicago	11.42
Lemon, Cleveland	11.47
Brewer, Boston	11.69
Larson, New York	11.80

### FEWEST WALKS

Despite Robin Roberts' superb year, he  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

#### Pitcher

	Average per game
Stobbs, Washington	2.03
Danovan, Chicago	2.26
Kucko, New York	2.89
Wynn, Cleveland	2.95
Sturdivant, New York	2.96
Sullivan, Boston	3.05
Lemon, Cleveland	3.14
Johnson, Baltimore	3.17
Pierce, Chicago	3.26
Ford, New York	3.35

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Salary	No. of players
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Opponents on base	Earned runs scored	Pct. scoring
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253	70	25.89
417	103	24.70
329	84	25.53
323	86	26.46
343	92	26.82
288	78	27.08
236	65	27.54
364	102	28.02
276	78	28.26

Opponents on base	Earned runs scored	Pct. scoring
223	55	24.66
259	77	26.64
297	89	26.94
303	82	27.06
349	99	28.37
304	87	28.62
289	83	28.72
211	61	28.91
254	74	29.13
249	73	29.32

## PUT ON BASE

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### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pitcher	Average per game
Newcombe, Brooklyn	9.40
Spahn, Milwaukee	9.74
Maglie, Brooklyn	9.94
Burdette, Milwaukee	10.16
Rush, Chicago	10.16
Antonelli, New York	10.57
Dickson, St. Louis	10.89
Roberts, Philadelphia	11.21
Friend, Pittsburgh	11.35
Fowler, Cincinnati	11.43

## GIVEN UP

allowed fewest walks per game in the majors

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pitcher	Average per game
Roberts, Philadelphia	1.21
Newcombe, Brooklyn	1.54
Spahn, Milwaukee	1.67
Fowler, Cincinnati	1.77
Burdette, Milwaukee	1.83
Felobsky, St. Louis	1.95
Rush, Chicago	2.21
Law, Pittsburgh	2.25
Croce, Milwaukee	2.33
Hacker, Chicago	2.38

## EARN

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Salary	No. of players
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\$40,000-49,000	7
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## SCOREBOARD

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George Breen, husky young Buffalo AC swimmer, once again proved he is nation's top freestyler, rattling off 1,500 meters in 17:34, best ever for short course, and 440 in 4:31.5 at national AAU meet in Daytona Beach.

### RECORD BREAKERS

Track and field records fell like clay pigeons before shell in a carnival shooting gallery as short pants brigade swarmed into action in Texas, California and Ohio. In Texas Relays at Austin, Athlete Christian's fleet-footed Bobby Morrow, who also scurried through wind-blown (8 mph) 100-yard dash in 9.3, outran Texas' Bobby Whilden in thrilling anchor leg (see below) to help his foursome (others: Waymond Griggs, Bill Woodhouse, Jim Segrest) to 40.2 clocking for 440-yard relay, fastest ever around two turns (April 6) day after Whilden sparked Tennessee's Wally Wilson, Hollis Guiney and Eddie Southern to new world record of 1:22.7 for half-mile relay. At Los Angeles, two college marks were broken by spunky little Max Truett of USC, who rambled two miles in 8:55, and sawney Bob Gutowski of Occidental, who soared 15 feet four inches in pole vault (April 6). At Cleveland, three U.S. standards went by boards in Women's AAU indoor championships when Tennessee State's trim Isabel Daniels sprang 50 yards in 5.7 and teamed up with Lucinda Williams, Barbara Jones and Margaret Matthews to sprint 440-yard relay in 59 flat; Anselma Wershova of Ridgefield Park, N.J. heaved basketball 105 feet 9 1/2 inches (April 6).

Harness racing fans got jolt from Down Under with news that as yet untamed yearling pacer, owned by Allan Holmes and driven by Freeman Holmes Jr., stopped off mile in 2:09.2 at Chelmsford, New Zealand to better world record of 2:14 1/2 for yearlings set by Royal Lady 2nd at Indianapolis in 1939 (April 7).

### SOCCER

England's Derek Kevan and Duncan Edwards denied Scotland's goal in second half, thrilled 100,000 who jam-packed London's Wembley Stadium with 2-1 victory for British title.

### SWIMMING

Ohio State's sturdy-armed Al Wiggins, competing for Cincinnati's Coca-Cola Swim Club, was still man of hour when nation's top swimmers halted four-day splashing in AAU indoor championships, held, oddly enough, in Daytona Beach's outdoor Welch Pools. Wiggins beat off Yale's talented Tim Jekko to win 100-yard butterfly in 55 seconds, was given judges' decision over Michigan's Dick Hazley in 100-yard freestyle in 50.9. But there was plenty of glory for others as Freestyler George Breen scored double at 1,500 meters and 440 yards; U. of Havana Breaststroker Manuel Saugally captured 100 in 1:04 and 220 in 2:37.3; Jekko skinned through 400-yard individual medley in 4:50.2, faster than any other American citizen; Ohio State's Glenn Whitten upset Teammate Don Harper (who won one-meter dive) in three meter event. Other winners: U. of Miami's Jack Nelson, 200-yard butterfly in 2:55.5; Indianapolis AC's Frank McKinnis, 200-yard backstroke in 2:18.6; Hazley, 220-yard freestyle in 2:36.1; North Carolina AC's Charles Kripp, 100-yard backstroke in 57.8; New Haven Swim Club's Joe Robinson, Daniel Cornwell, Dave Armstrong and Jekko, 440-yard freestyle relay in 3:27.9; North Carolina AC's Kripp, Dick Faldgen, Nelson and Dave McFayre, 660-yard medley relay in 4:25.4. Team champion: New Haven Swim Club with 68 points.

### BOXING

Tony Anshur, quick-punching New Yorker who was just fair-to-middling middleweight only two years ago, raked overated 13-5 favorite Chuck Spieser with solid combinations, burst IBC holdup bubble when he knocked out Olympic teammate with left hook in third at Detroit (see page 20) to win right to face aging Archie Moore (who promptly took his

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### FOCUS ON THE DEEP



**TEETH CLENCHED**, straining Bobby Morrow strides across the finish line in anchor leg of record 440-yard relay race.



**DOWN GOES** Junior Chief on first fence but Grand Chal moves grandly to victory in Deep Run Hunt Cup at Richmond.



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**Milton (Dubby) Holt**, who inaugurated boxing at Idaho State in 1947 without ever having donned glove himself, watched his rugged charges win seven individual titles to clinch NCAA team title at Pacatello (see below).

35 excess pounds off to Germany for series of tune-ups for light heavy-weight title June 7. Boasting with joy, Archery chorused: "Man, I didn't know I could hit a flea that hard."

**Alphonse Hakim**, baby-faced Algerian, caught Italy's Mario D'Agata with his guard down, punched out 15-round decision before 12,000 at Paris to win recognition (except by NBA) as world bantamweight champion in bout held up for 15 minutes when ring lighting installation caught fire at end of third round. Meanwhile, NBA Champion Raul Marcus agreed to defend his belt of crown against Jimmy Frusa in San Francisco, May 11.

**Idaho State's** star-spangled team climaxed brilliant season with overwhelming victory in 20th annual NCAA tournament on home grounds at Pacatello. Coached by Milton (Dubby) Holt, Idahoans won championships in seven of 10 divisions, took team honors with 22 points while second-best Washington State scored 12.

**Hard-punching**, ring-wise Idahoans lost but two bouts in three days, set records for team points and number of titles won, topping by two Wisconsin's five championships won last year when ISC was runner-up. This year Wisconsin won no championships, advanced only one man to finals.

ISC's gymnasium was jammed by 6,000 screaming fans, who howled ever louder as title after title fell to home team. Only 13 teams were entered, boding to decline of sport on intercollegiate basis, in part because of southern insistence on segregation, in part because many eastern schools have shifted to intramural boxing.

**Champions:** Eduardo Inabaeta, Cal Poly, 112 pounds; Dave Abeyta, ISC, 119 pounds; Cyril Giamoto, ISC, 125 pounds; Dick Rall, Washington State, 132 pounds; Ron Rall, ISC, 139 pounds; Bill Haynes, ISC, 147 pounds; Jerome Floetz, Sacramento State, 156 pounds; Roger Rose, ISC, 165 pounds (by TKO).

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**MUSCLED** Featherweight Ricardo Moreno jolts Gastano Annaloro with left before fifth-round TKO victory in San Francisco.



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## SCOREBOARD continued



Sharon Prutis, 10-year-old Detroit Wanderkind, skillfully battled shuttlecock around to beat 15-year-old Faith Ferris of Baltimore 11-3, 11-9 in final for national badminton championship for 15-and-under girls at Wilmington, Del.

Dale Lestham, ISC, 175 pounds (by TKO); Hal Epsy, ISC, heavyweight.

NCAA rules committees, inspired by speech of Dr. Shante McCarthy, head of President Eisenhower's physical fitness program, voted to add novice division for next year's championships in order to stimulate wider participation by students. NCAA also appointed committee to work year-round on encouragement of boxing as aid to physical fitness. Coaches pointed proudly to tournament's perfect "no injury" record, with not a single cut or other minor injury in 50 three-round bouts.

## GOLF

Doc Ford, mean-faced Mahopac, N.Y. pro, gambling with daring of river boat card shark, caught and passed early leader Sam Snead, climaxed last-round 66 by exploding out of trap and into cup on final hole to win Masters with 282 at Augusta (see page 16).

## BASEBALL

Major leagues, minus many phenoms who turned out to be duds, began long northward with Cleveland (16-16) and Pittsburgh (17-7) leading Grapefruit Circuit standings. Biggest surprise: Brooklyn, unable to untrunk itself, wallowed in seventh place with 13-14.

## SKIING

Squaw Valley, site of 1960 Winter Olympics, was put to test by some of world's best skiers in North American Alpine championships, proved to be tough to meet but not to Austria's handsome Toni Sailer, who skidded daringly but safely down tricky slope made treacherous by icy coating which sent 10 to hospital with assorted injuries to win downhill in 2:07.3. Sailer trailed his onetime instructor, Christian Prandl, in slalom, next day but captured combined title. Women's winners: Italy's Carla Marchelli in downhill; America's Betty Sunde in slalom; Austria's Putz Prandl, second in downhill and slalom for combined event.



**PROUD** Angler Herbert Hoover lines up with granddaughter Louise and her first bonafish, a 9 3/4-pounder, at Key Largo.

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**Chico Fernandez**, good-field no-hit reserve shortstop behind Brooklyn's indestructible Pee Wee Reese, was sent packing off to Philadelphia for Outfielder Elmer Vale, four minor leaguers and reported \$75,000 in folding money.

#### BASKETBALL

St. Louis and Boston continued seamy battle for NBA title at St. Louis amid ruffled tempers, hot words and even scuffle between Celtics' Coach Red Auerbach and Hawk Gower Ben Kerner. St. Louis used inspired play of Slater Martin and Cliff Hagan and hot-minute basket by Bob Pettit to overhaul Boston 190-96 in third game, but masterful Bob Cousy took charge in fourth contest, scoring 31 points to help Celtics hold off threatening rivals 123-118 and even series at 2-2.

NBA postpones shuffling get off and running with Rochester Royals' Les and Jack Harrison, inked by dwindling attendance and \$25,000 in red ink, announcing lock, stock and barrel move to Cincinnati and its 14,000-seat Cincinnati Garden, New York, scrambling to bounce out of cellar, traded veterans Sweetie Clifton and Harry Gallatin (and right to deal with Dick Athol to Detroit (formerly Fort Wayne) for sharpshooting rebounder Mel Hutchins and Paterson's first 1957 draft choice.

#### HORSE RACING

Three-year-olds continued to warm up for Derby on both coasts. Round Table, ears pricked and hoofs flying, skittered around fast Bay Meadows oval, breezed home by 4½ lengths in good 1:41 3/5 for mile-and-sixteenth in \$52,500 Bay Meadows Derby; at Jamaica, Eddie Arcaro climbed out of sick bed to urge Florida-bred King Haina, tugged out in blinkers for first time, through sloppy six furlongs in 1:11 to win \$23,000 Swift Stakes.

Needles, who has been having his troubles as 4-year-old, found way to win, putting on one of his patented finishes to storm up from last to first in final half-mile of \$28,200 Fort Lauderdale Handicap at Gulfstream.

Florida State Racing Commission cut housey Saul Silberman, cocky little major fono of Tropical Park, down to slow crawl, found him guilty of permitting his phone to be used

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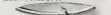
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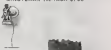
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# SCOREBOARD continued



**Bill Kerslake**, 285-pound brawler from Cleveland who all but owns AAU wrestling titles, continued his domination at Waynesburg, Pa., winning freestyle for sixth straight time, Greco-Roman crown for fifth consecutive year.

*Gay Aide Maurice J. Hirschstein* to disseminate racing information to bookmakers and betting "on cuff" at own track. Penalty: revocation of Silberman's license; suspension of Tropical Park by TKA. Mourned Silberman: "How can they be so vicious? I never did any harm to anybody."

## HOCKEY

**Maurice (Rocket) Richard**, fiery-tempered Montreal veteran, threw off weight of 36 years, hot-clicked his way to four goals to cool off Boston 5-1 as Stanley Cup finals began at Montreal. Richard also had heavy load in eliminating New York in semifinals, netting sudden-death shocker to beat Rangers 4-3 after 3-1 Canadian triumph in fourth game. Bruins moved up to challenge Montreal for hockey's biggest prize by outscoring Detroit 2-0, 4-3 (see below) for 4-1 margin in other half of semifinals.

## MILEPOSTS

**MARRIED**—**Barbara Romack**, 24, doll-faced Sacramento, Calif. golfing champion (U.S. Amateur in 1954), two-time Curtis Cup star; and Edward W. Porter, 26, assistant pro at Sacramento's Haggin Oaks course; at Carmel, Calif.

**MARRIED**—**Marlene Stewart**, 22, Canada's pretty Woman Athlete of the Year, U.S. Amateur and Canadian Open golf champion in 1956; and J. Douglas Stroh, 31, American-born Toronto financier; at Toronto.

**DIED**—**Arthur Boyd Hancock Sr.**, 81, world-famous Thoroughbred breeder, astute master of Kentucky's Claiborne Farm, TCA Horseman of Year in 1944; after long illness, at Farm, Ky. Hancock's Claiborne Farm was home of famed stallions (among them: Sir Galahad III, Elmheim II, Gallant Fox, Nasrullah, Tulyar, Princequillo), foaled four Derby winners (Gallant Fox, Omaha, Johnstown, Jet Pilot), bred horses who won 2,534 races, \$12,042,712 from 1922 to 1954.



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#### FOR THE RECORD

##### AUTO RACING

PETER COLLINS, Britain, 275-m. Syracuse Grand Prix, in 2:40:11.5, with 102 mph average, in Ferrari.  
Phil Hill, Santa Monica, Calif., 25 lap Indiana, with 114 mph average, in Ferrari. Phil Spang, Calif. Runner up. Carroll Shelby, in Mustang.

##### BILLIARDS

ARTHUR WEISS, Brooklyn, over Abe Rosen, New York, 50-34, in 2:5 open 3-cushion bill, New York.

##### BOWLING

LOU CAMP, Dumont, N.J., and LINDI FARAGALL, Paterson, N.J., each set a doubles 646, with 2,953, Houston.

##### BOXING

WILLI BESMANOFF, 33-round decision over Bob Baker, Bayswater, N.Y.  
CHUCK FULF, 1-round TKO over Joey Evans heavyweight, New Orleans.  
ORLANDO CULIETTA, 35-round split decision over Joey Lopez, lightweight, Washington, D.C.  
RONNY LANE, 6-round TKO over Casey Davis, lightweight, Michigan, 10th.  
GUY BUTLER, 7-round TKO over Frankie Ruff, lightweight, Providence, R.I.  
ROGAN OXLEY BASHLEY, 15-round decision over Tony Lewis, featherweight, Nottingham, England.

##### GOLF

MARLENE BAUER KROGE, Del Rio Beach, Fla., Babe Zaharias Open, with 222 for 54 holes, Beaumont.

##### SOCCER

ARGENTINA, over Brazil, 2-0, for S. American championship, Lima, Peru.

##### SQUASH RACQUETS

STEPHEN YEMSLAGE, Harvard School, over David Stoen, Pittsburgh, 15-7, 15-11, 15-1, U.S. Jr. title, Pittsburgh.

##### TABLE TENNIS

ZOLTAN KERCZ, Hungary, over Ichiro Omura, Japan, 21-13, 21-16, 25-22, 21-19, English Open men's singles title, London.  
FUMIE EGUCHI, Japan, over Ann Haydon, England, 15-11, 21-18, 22-14, 20-19, English Open women's singles title, London.

##### TENNIS

VIC SEICAS, Philadelphia, over Armando Vent, Brazil, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0, 6-6, Caribbean men's singles, Kingston, Jamaica.  
PABLO GONZALEZ, over Ken Rosewall, 4 matches to one, Santos de Brazil World Pro Test, 32-14.



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by THOMAS H. LINEAWEAVER



SO—frozen open  
(or open), SK—  
season closes  
(or closed), C—

clear water, D—water dirty or turbid, M—  
water muddy, N—water at normal height,  
SH—slightly high, H—high, VH—very  
high, L—low, R—rising, F—falling, WT50  
—water temperature 50°, FG—fishing good;  
FF—fishing fair, FP—fishing poor, OVG  
—outlook very good, OG—outlook good;  
OP—outlook fair, OP—outlook poor

**BLUEFIN TUNA:** BAHAMAS: Bimini white marlin anglers were flabbergasted last week to find several schools of giant bluefin pushing northward a full month ahead of schedule. Confusion was so rife that only one fish was boated. The unstartled sportsman was Harry G. Heger Jr. of Philadelphia, who netted a 47½-pounder in a two-hour-and-55-minute tussle on 24-thread.

**TROUT:** PENNSYLVANIA: 80 April 15 and, though streams are now bank full and M after recent storms, agent reports they will clear for opener. He also reports that First Fork of Susquehanna, Littlewood Branch and Kettle Creek are heavily stocked with brook trout and some top 17 inches.

The fish commission has just delighted fly practitioners by releasing a lot of 15 streams retaining 22 miles of water on which fly-fishing only will be permitted. Spoons, spinners and plugs are ruled out; the areas may be fished only from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., the creel limit is six trout and the maximum size nine inches. The waters: Cove, Honey Run, Sand Spring Run, Mud Run, Trout Run, Young Woman's, Dunbar and Imbucanes, Falling Springs, Little Lehigh, Big Bushkill, Cross Fork, North Sandy, Muddy, Yellow and Manawagonie creeks.

**MINNESOTA:** Fly only on 23 chilly north-shore streams now open with lethargic browns and brooks eying bait and spinning lures with almost unanimous disinterest. Grand Marnie area is just thawing but OG as spring progresses.

**BROTHER COLUMBIA:** Lower mainland sloughs unreliable, but Harmon River outflow is taking fire. On Vancouver Island fly anglers are also finding cooperative trout at the mouth of the Little Qualicum, Oyster and Campbell rivers; OVG all along the coast.

**WISCONSIN:** Braie C and open between Highway 2 and Lake Superior, but the best of early fishing has been between Highway 2 and County Highway (H), where a heavy run of spawning rainbows and some browns are reacting to bait. Few fly-fishermen in evidence, but OG as WT rises.

**CHANNEL BASS:** NORTH CAROLINA: FVG now in Hatteras Inlet. Last week Fred Edwards of Virginia Beach casting squid from Edgar Stryker's cruiser *Texas II* quelled a 40-pounder which local angler says is one pound larger than any channel bass caught in 1956. So far surf casters have been shut out but OG.

**BONEFISH:** FLORIDA: Upper Keys guides advise FVG with last week's star angler ex-President Herbert Hoover. Wielding a standard casting rod and 18-pound test line, Mr. Hoover in three days landed three colored bonefish of 31, 19½ and 9½ pounds; OVG.

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# 19th HOLE

## THE READERS TAKE OVER

### PREDICTION: SIMPLE ARITHMETIC

**Sir:** Being of reasonably sound mind and body, I predict the Yankee dynasty is at an end this year and the Red Sox are going to win the pennant. With Ted batting a solid .369, Jensen .340, Piersall .323, Goodman .320 and Vernon .313, we are bound to get more than our share of runs. Brewer and Sullivan will win 20 apiece; Portnell, Baumann, Susee, Dolack and Porterfield will win about 70 games between them. The rest of the pitching staff will win at least 25 games, thus giving the Sox 135 victories this season. For the past 10 seasons the Sox have taken it from the Yankees. This year the only thing we would like to take from the Yankees is Mickey Mantle.

DAVID BULKIN

Syracuse, N.Y.

● With a 154-game season this should certainly give the Red Sox a comfortable margin of victory.—ED.

### PREDICTION: SAD-PAN BALL CLUB

**Sir:** I wish only to set forth a few observations and predictions concerning the demise of the 1957 Brooklyn Dodgers.

Jurkie Robinson: Without his steady influence, competitive spirit, know-how and clutch playing, the Bums will be like a ship without a rudder.

Fee Wee Reese: Old soldiers never die, they just fade away; 1957 could be it.

Sal Maglie: Our bat is off to this guy. To expect a repeat is just asking too much.

Carl Furillo: Used to be a fine outfielder.

Don Newcombe: To the other members of the Brooks we suggest that they hark back to those 1956 World Series checks and thank this guy. A master craftsman, but to achieve more than 20 wins with the 1957 version of the Bums would require superhuman effort.

Roy Campanella: His was a notable career.

Emmett Kelly: Ironically, this guy's sad-pan expression expresses perfectly the Dodger "new look."

DAVID W. DAVIS

Harboro, Pa.

### PREDICTION: NO L.A. DOOGERS

**Sir:** Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Bavasi have pointed to the various improbabilities in the Brooklyn situation in looking for a new home for the Dodgers. I lived in Los Angeles for five years while I was a student at UCLA and offer the following commentaries about Los Angeles as a baseball town.

The public transportation system of the city is nothing compared with that of New York, and so the city depends almost completely upon automobiles. The stadium and parking lot will have to be reasonably close to the centers of population and to areas where the people can quickly and easily get there by car and away again after the games. And that kind of location will not be easily or cheaply obtained.

It has been my experience that Los Angeles is not a daytime sports town during

the week. Else why does the Pacific Coast League play its weekday games at night and play double-headers on Sunday?

The owners of the Dodgers point to the Braves in Milwaukee and how their moving has helped not only the city but all of baseball. But they forget that this is an optimum situation that probably could not be repeated for a long time. In going to Los Angeles, they would have to start absolutely from scratch, whereas in Milwaukee the stadium had already been built and the parking space already available.

I agree with Congressman Kenneth Hahn of Los Angeles that the Dodgers are putting the squeeze on New York to get what they want by threatening to move out to Los Angeles. And I'll put it in my own best Brooklynese by saying that "the Dodgers ain't goin' nowhere."

PHILIP KELLER

Brooklyn

### PREDICTION: NEW LIFE IN DETROIT

**Sir:**

This is the year the Yanks get the ax from the revitalized Tigers. They have three solid, potential 25-game winners in Larry Hoefft and Foytnock, plus good hitting in Kurne, Kahne and Company. My choices: A.L. Detroit, New York, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Kansas City, Baltimore and Washington; N.L.—Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Brooklyn, Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

LOUIS E. BLUMS

Indianapolis

### PREDICTION: THEIR TURN

**Sir:**

I would like to go out on the limb and make a prediction on the National League.

1. Milwaukee (this year it's their turn).
2. Brooklyn (lack of youth).
3. Cincinnati (still need pitching).
4. St. Louis (they won't be far from the top).
5. Chicago (trades helped; need center fielder).
6. Pittsburgh (not much change).
7. Philadelphia (no infield).
8. New York (weak all around).

RICHARD KLIESCH

Wheaton, Ill.

### PREDICTION: FINALLY

**Sir:**

Here is my opinion on the outcome of the N.L. race.

1. Milwaukee (they should finally live up to what is expected of them).
2. New York (the "say hey" kid should come back).
3. Brooklyn (dropping slightly but are still strong).
4. Cincinnati (lack of pitching should tell).
5. St. Louis (Stan the Man isn't going to be enough to pull them through).
6. Philadelphia (Roberts only pitching, also not much hitting).
7. Chicago (not much either way).

KEN DAVIS

Utah, Calif.

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## INFORMATION: OPINION POLL

Sir:

I am acting as spokesman for an enthusiastic group of civil engineers, and, I might add, *reluctantly* so, to obtain a highly regarded opinion from your baseball staff to answer the following disagreement. We have found ourselves with dissimilar views as to the worth of a pitcher, available for a trade, in his earned run average as compared to his games won record. We ask the SPORTS ILLUSTRATED baseball experts if, in their opinion, a pitcher with a low earned run average and a poor win record is more desirable than a pitcher with a fairly high earned run average yet a substantial 20-game winner?

This question has become overwhelmingly important during our coffee breaks, drowning out all customary discussions of toll roads vs. freeways.

FREDERICK A. POTTER III

Marblehead, Mass.

• The consensus here is that ERA is the better indicator of a pitcher's individual talents, but that no manager is likely to turn down a 20-game winner. —ED.

## INFORMATION: LADIES' DAY

Sir:

I am one of those women who need the information which you describe in "Baseball Made Plain" (E&D, Feb. 11).

Can you tell us how to secure Commissioner Fric's primer for women?

MRS. ERWIN S. SELLE

Winona, Minn.

• Mass distribution of the booklet will be handled by the ball clubs, but individuals may obtain it through Commissioner Fric's office, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N.Y. —ED.

## INFORMATION: DEAD-BALL GAME

Sir:

For nearly three decades we have heard the constantly repeated chorus that if the great hitters of the early days of baseball had had an opportunity to belt the modern "rabbit" ball, their performance would have been astronomical.

Obviously, there was no rebuttal possible, so the heroic defenders of other years always manage to earn at least a draw.

Mrs. Sam Crawford recently remarked that this question had been asked her often and her only reply was that Sam (aged 76) is in no condition to prove what he could have done 40 years ago with the "rabbit," so why don't they wind a small supply of the old balls and see what the present-day Mantles, Mankewses, Maynes, et al. could do with it?

Of course, the suggestion is so logical and simple that no one connected with the administration of baseball would ever stoop so low as to do anything about it. Nevertheless, I am convinced that for an exhibition game or even an All-Star Game it would be an exciting and interesting experiment and one would ensure a packed house.

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# INFORMATION: SPEED ON BASE

Sir:

I would like your opinion and proof of what major leaguer is the fastest from the batter's box to first base.

I have had an argument with a school friend as to who is. I say Mickey Mantle. **FRED SCHNEID.**

Pennsburg, Pa.

• Last year in *The Sporting News*, Lou Miller conscientiously clocked 158 major league players in the batter's box-to-first dash, a distance of 90 feet. The 10 fastest: Mickey Mantle, batting left-handed, 3.3 seconds; Mantle, batting right-handed, 3.4 seconds; Bill White (Giants) 3.4; Willie Mays (Giants), Richie Ashburn (Phillies), Don Blasingame (Cubs), Larry Doby (White Sox), Solly Drake (Cubs), Junior Gilliam (Dodgers), Al Pilarcik (Athletics) and Bill Virdon (Pirates) all made it in 3.5 seconds.—ED.

# INFORMATION: PROBLEMS

Sir:

Here are a couple of knotty problems which were encountered at a baseball clinic and after much discussion still remained problems.

Problem No. 1: Runner on third with less than two out. Batter hits to first baseman, and then interferes with first baseman's attempted play on the runner trying to score from third.

Problem No. 2: With runner on second, batter hits ball between third and short, the third baseman deflects the ball toward the shortstop, but ball strikes the runner going from second to third. Is the runner out? Under what conditions may he be called out? I trust you can solve both questions handily.

**ROBERT M. CIECK**

East Riverdale, Md.

• Problem No. 1: The batter is called out for interference. The runner goes back to third. Problem No. 2: The runner is not out. He may only be called out if the ball strikes him before a fielder has touched it.—ED.

# MY BOY

Sir:

You can certainly have your Mickey Mantle, red-blooded American boy, and your *Shen* (The Man) Mural, idol of fans and sportswriters alike. And this dash man from Texas—take him too. I'll take Ted Williams—the villain, the bad guy, like in wrestling. Probably the reason I like Ted is the same reason so many good citizens, including so-called sportswriters, dislike him. He is so independent, free like a bird.

It's fascinating to me how a man doing what he wants to do can grip so many people. Every time Ted fails to observe the little niceties, neglects to bow and scrape when "his" fans expect it and just plain hurts people's feelings—mean, that's the greatest.

I get a bigger charge out of watching Williams in batting practice than I do from an entire game, say between the Cubs and Phillies.

**K. D. QUIGGS**

Fort Polk, La.

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